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## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

## Federal refund could mean windfall

### 2 million would be used for Webster

T.R. HANRAHAN  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Some long awaited money may get to Missouri Southern ahead of schedule.

If a plan proposed by Sen. Roger Wilson (D-Columbia) gains approval, the College will save some money. Under the proposal, more than \$2 million in federal funds returned to Missouri from a Medicaid match could be moved from the budget for 1993 into a supplemental budget for this fiscal year.

Southern could receive \$2 million upon completion of the Webster Communications and Social Sciences building early, saving the College interest on outstanding loans.

"We will be able to pay part of the principal sooner than expected and therefore reduce interest payments," said Dr. Julio Leon, College President. "We could receive the money as early as May."

Wilson said the plan is logical.

"It makes sense," he said. "It makes sense to accelerate these things and get that money in the pipeline right now."

"In Missouri Southern's case, the benefit will not be in additional construction or jobs. It will be in the trimming of debt payments which will help the College in its operational budget."

Leon said he is unsure of how much Southern would save if Wilson's plan gains approval.

"It is hard to tell how much we would save," Leon said. "There are too many variables. There is no question we would realize some."

In addition to the \$2 million for the Webster building, Southern would receive more than \$65,000 for repair and replacement of the Taylor Auditorium roof and other related items. Leon said this work could begin quickly.

"We could get the ball rolling right away," Leon said.

Wilson said his plan is receiving

strong support, but some questions remain among members of Gov. John Ashcroft's administrative team.

"I think we are ready to move on this," Wilson said. "I've gotten some silly responses from the office of administration talking of speeding up House Bill 1017 or doing it this way or doing it that way, but they can't give me a good reason other than that we might expand the bill too much."

Wilson said that argument is unfounded.

"To minimize debate, I have not proposed anything outside what the governor's recommendations were," he said. "Well, if we stay within the governor's recommendations, we're obviously not expanding it beyond what the office of administration wanted."

Rep. Chris Kelly (D-Columbia), House budget committee chairman, agreed.

"All we are doing is what he [Ashcroft] wanted," Kelly said. "If he wants to veto this, he is being bullheaded."

"It is a wonderful plan; I think we should do it immediately."

Wilson said opposition to his plan may spring from the fact he is running for lieutenant governor this year and he might gain politically.

"There is something to be gained from it," he said. "But it is a lot more something to be gained for people looking for jobs than it is for me."

Under Wilson's proposal, elements of capital improvements bills HB 1017 and HB 1018 would be added to HB 1013, an emergency and supplemental appropriations bill for the current fiscal year.

"If we put the funds in House Bill 1013," Wilson said, "which has already passed the House, already passed the Senate committee and is ready to be voted on almost immediately in the Senate, if there are no problems in conference we can have this in effect in a week's time."

Southwest Missouri State University could receive more than \$3.4 million early under the plan for repairs to buildings at SMSU.

## GUBERNATORIAL RACE

## Webster to stump at College

T.R. HANRAHAN  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As part of a statewide campaign swing, Missouri Attorney General William Webster will visit Missouri Southern tomorrow.

The stop here will be the "grand finale" of a tour announcing his candidacy for governor. Webster is considered the front-runner for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

"He is very proud of where he came from," said Tony Feather, executive director of Citizens for Webster. "He wanted to include [Missouri Southern] in the tour and we decided to let that be the culmination of this tour."

"It's because we want to finish with almost a hometown rally. Missouri Southern is kind of a jewel of Jasper County."

Webster will arrive at the College at 5 p.m., speak for about 15 minutes, and then take questions from the floor. The visit is sponsored by the College Republicans.

Webster will make the stop as part of a three-day campaign swing that began yesterday in St. Louis. Today, Webster will visit Cape Girardeau, Springfield, Jefferson City, St. Joseph, and Kansas City. The tour will end Friday with stops in Anderson, Cassville, at the Ozarks Press Association convention in Springfield, and Southern.

At the Ozark Press Association appearance, Webster will be joined by the other six major candidates for governor. The candidates will debate issues of the campaign.

Feather said Webster's remarks at Southern will focus on his vision for Missouri's future.

"It's not only declaring his candidacy," he said. "He will also lay out his plan for the campaign and for governor."

Webster believes it's time not to talk about general ideas for the future, but to talk about specifics.

Among the proposals endorsed by Webster are earmarking lottery revenues to fund education, making schools accountable to parents and the community with a school report card system, and term limits for state officials.

College President Julio Leon said Southern welcomes the opportunity to host Webster.

"Several candidates in the past have come to campus to announce," Leon said. "It is a reflection of the change the College has in the area."

## BALANCING ACT



Roger McNee of Commercial Glass Co. in Joplin treads lightly while installing the skylight in the Webster Communications and Social Science Building. The building should be completed by the end of July.

## CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

## Homophobia alive and well at Southern, students say

### Lecture to be held in BSC Wednesday

By P.J. GRAHAM  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Dissolving homophobia on campus is not only the goal of an upcoming Campus Activities Board lecture, but also the hope of some Missouri Southern students.

"Homophobia: How We All Pay the Price" is the topic Warren Blumenfeld, lecturer, will discuss at Southern Wednesday, March 18 in the second floor lounge of the Illingdys Student Center.

"There is nothing wrong with homosexuality," he said. "Homophobia is the problem."

Blumenfeld describes homophobia as the fear and hatred of homosexuals. Some students at Southern have experienced this.

"I've had a few prank phone calls—a few under-the-breath comments made to me," said Dave Swenson, president of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance support group at Southern. "It's to be expected."

Other students believe more serious effects of homophobia have preyed on them.

"As far as violence goes, I've had a few people want to jump me—want to quote 'beat the living shit out of me,'" the vice-president of the GALA support group (who requested

anonymity) said. "I look over my shoulder. I don't let people come up behind me—it's a matter of self preservation."

The student also said when he came out of the closet to some of his friends, he either lost the friendships or they expected him to hide his sexuality.

"They don't want to know because it disgusts them," he said. "It hurts because, whether they realize it or not, they're saying I disgust them."

"Our biggest enemy is ignorance. If somebody doesn't know something, they tend to fear it."

Lory St. Clair, lecturer chairman of CAB, said the lecture on homophobia is needed in this area.

"You would think that if we are

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## Calendar makes spring break late

By JEFFREY SLATTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Although the weather has been warm all late, spring break at Missouri Southern is still another week away.

Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs, said spring break is one of many events on a very complex calendar for the College.

"Our calendar is made up two years in advance, in conjunction with the catalog," he said. "One factor that determines when spring break will be is when New Year's Day is going to be each year."

Brown said after the first of the year, the College tries to pick the first practical starting date to begin classes.

They try to place spring break roughly in the middle of the semester.

"We try for between the ninth and eleventh week; the end of the first half of classes," Brown said.

Brown said one additional plus to the timing of this year's spring break is that Joplin R-8, Webb City R-7, and Carl Junction R-1 school districts all have the same spring break as Southern.

"I've had a lot of requests from students and faculty that if it was ever possible to have the same spring break as the local schools, to do it," Brown said.

In determining the calendar, Brown said there are three main factors that go into the planning: it must be academically feasible; accommodate as much of the student body as possible; and accommodate the faculty and staff.

Other schools in Missouri have differing spring breaks. The University of Missouri-St. Louis (March 2-6), has one of the earliest spring breaks, while the University of Missouri-Rolla has one of the latest (March 31-April 4).

Brown said the reason for differing spring breaks is there is no unified calendar.

"I don't think we want that," he said. "We don't want someone in Jefferson City telling us when we can and can't have classes."

"One reason for different spring break dates might be a different semester starting date."

He said another consideration going into the calendar is Southern's academic calendar is the longest in the state.

"We provide a complete, full semester," he said.

Charles Henry, sophomore chemistry major, said the long number of weeks before break burn out the students.

"It seems like all my friends (at other schools) are out this week or next," he said. "I'd just really wish it was earlier."

Differences between schools exist even within the University of Missouri system. Each campus has its own time for spring break. Between UMSL and UMR are the University of Missouri-Kansas City (March 9-13) and the University of Missouri-Columbia (March 23-27).

getting a liberal arts education, these people would come here and learn open-mindedness," he said. "I think people are taking this very one-sided. It's forcing these people to make their own support group just because they can't find social solace on our campus."

St. Clair believes becoming more open-minded could help the overall campus.

"Somebody you sit next to in class, your roommate, the person you car-pool with—could be gay," she said. "That you can be open-minded—I hope that's the emphasis everyone gets [from the lecture]."

The Feb. 24 issue of *Newsweek*, published a report concerning the possibility of homosexuality being

genetically-linked. Blumenfeld, who has studied homosexuality for 22 years, believes this is not the issue at hand.

"I think there is an underlying bias in looking at the cause," he said. "At this point, I really don't care why I'm gay."

Blumenfeld also said homosexuals face difficulties which separate them from all other minority groups.

"In many ways we're a community of orphans," he said. "We're really the only minority that doesn't get the support of family and friends."

"The thing that hurts the most is when they say I'm not normal or it's not natural," the GALA vice-president said. "I am normal; I'm just different."



## ► BIOLOGY DEPT.

# Messick wins award

By DAWN ADAMSON  
ARTS EDITOR

The Missouri Academy of Science will recognize Dr. John Messick, head of the biology department, as a Fellow of the Academy on April 24.

"It's purely a recognition award," he said. "I feel very honored that they would select me. I'll try to live up to it."

"They give this every few years or so. There are several previous Dr. John Messick awards that have been given in this category."

The award will be given at the annual meeting of the Missouri Academy of Science at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

"They look at a number of things," Messick said. "They look at contribution of work for the Academy. A second thing they look at would probably be scholarly things such as presentations at scientific meetings. Another thing might be your role in academia—as a teacher, how good a job you do."



## ACTION!



Diana Wilson, director of Intermurals, videotapes Theresa Bartholet, freshman undecided major, during yesterday's swimming class. Wilson uses the videotape to help students improve their strokes.

## ► STUDENT SENATE

## Constitutional changes draw fire

By KAYLEA HUTSON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Authority of a constitutional subcommittee to implement change drew fire from some senators at last night's Student Senate meeting.

The concerns sprang from the New Horizons planning committee's proposed changes in the Senate.

At the Senate's March 4 meeting, several senators questioned the committee's right to implement changes

without a vote of the entire Senate.

At that meeting, senior senator Doretta Lovland questioned New Horizons' scope of authority.

"Since when can a committee pass a suggestion without a vote of the Senate?" Lovland asked.

Senate President Bryan Vowels worked to allay concerns.

"New Horizons is an unofficial committee of the Senate," Vowels told the Senate. "It is actually a subcommittee of the constitution committee."

"We [New Horizons] work to advise the executive officers and constitution committee about possible changes by conducting surveys."

Vowels said the group is trying to "brainstorm" in order to improve the Senate.

"We are not trying to railroad things through the Senate," he said.

"Some of the things, we as executive officers can instill, but constitutional changes would have to go before the entire Senate."

## ► SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## All-day event on to

Community organization quality to be

By SUSAN HOSKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Improving process quality in community organizations is the focus of an all-day seminar presented by Missouri Southern's school of business.

Total Quality Management for Service Related Activities will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday in Matthews Hall. Terry Marion, associate professor of business, said the seminar will meet the needs of community organizations lax in customer service.

"There was a demand shown in the community for improving process quality and response to the customer," he said. "The demand was there and we tried to respond."

Marion said the response from the community organizations has been favorable toward the seminar.

"We've had a good response by hospitals, governmental organizations, retailers, and manufacturers," he said. "We've had two planning sessions with people from area organizations, and we did a survey that the topics featured in the seminar are the most needed. Forty people enrolled for the seminar in the first two days."

Guest speakers include John P. Stack, president and chief executive officer of Springfield Remanufacturing Corporation. Stack will give a speech on the employee's place in management and systems to em-

power all workers. Jo Gibson, program developer for Techniquest located in Cleveland, will speak on interpersonal skills and strategy in the workplace. Gerald, vice president of Tamko Asphalt Products, Joplin, will speak on tool activities. Tim Beck, Quality Sources Group in Joplin, will speak on leadership techniques. Shute, director of quality management, and Marcia Brown, of education at Freeman Hospital, Joplin, will speak on main enthusiasm for new programs.

The seminar is being financed in part by the Missouri Southern Foundation. Remaining costs are by past seminars that the business has held. The business receives no money from Southern to finance the seminar.

The cost to attend the seminar is \$66 for business professionals. Students may attend free of charge.

Fifty-eight people are registered to attend the seminar. Marion said the idea for the seminar came from the community interest.

"The idea to hold it came from the community," he said. "A committee who was interested in the idea proposed it."

Marion said a group of staff members meet to coordinate the details of the seminar.

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J. GRAHAM  
US EDITOR

Two students recently became involved with biological research of human health, in part to grants given by the

mon Paige, senior pre-med major and Philip Gordon, senior second education (biology) major, received funding from the Student Research Grant Committee. They are enrolled Problems in which they work in a laboratory with a faculty sponsor in the biology department.

Paige, who finished his research of effects of black cohosh (an herb) on uterine weight, thinks many do not realize the research is available. "I think the committee has a lot to give," he said. "And not just experimenting with rats."

Grants are not limited to the sciences, either. Any student can apply for a research grant.

Paige recently finished his research on black cohosh. Black cohosh, according to the science literature Paige was previous to his research, can be used as a replacement for estrogen to increase the weight of women's uteruses. This is thought to relieve symptoms of the menstrual cycle, during childbearing, and other problems of the female system.

After testing black cohosh extract on rats, Paige's findings were not

## CASH FOR WORK



Phil Gordon, senior sec. education (biology) major, prepares his research experiment. Gordon received a grant from the College.

synchronized with the literature. "It was the opposite of what we thought," he said. "The black cohosh decreased uterine weight."

Paige must give an oral presentation about his research as a requirement for the grant. He is also considering publishing his results.

"I did it [the research] mostly to gain research experience," he said. "I was interested in black cohosh and what can be done with it."

"This is the same type of experimentation used to test drugs for human use," Dr. Vonnice Prentice, Paige's sponsor, said.

Gordon's work dealt with how the same antibiotics used on cattle as are used on humans can cause disease-carrying bacteria to be spread to humans through beef.

Michael Lawson, assistant professor of biology and Gordon's sponsor,

said when cattle are given antibiotics, the bacteria immune to the antibiotics will continue to reproduce more immune bacteria. So, if a human eats contaminated meat and is given the same antibiotic, they most likely will not be able to fight the bacteria.

In his research, Gordon will be testing antibiotics on a certain bacteria taken from cattle feces and measuring the bacteria's resistance to the antibiotics.

"He [Gordon] wants to be a high school teacher and it's real hard to guide students in research when you haven't done any yourself," Lawson said.

"I think it would be good to do research and learn how to improve yourself on the scientific method and how it is supposed to be done," Gordon said.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

# ITFS offers college credit through cable broadcasts

By KAYLEA HUTSON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Providing college-level classes for area residents unable to reach Missouri Southern is the purpose of the Instructional Television Fixed Services program.

As part of the Continuing Education program, the ITFS allows students to view broadcasts of classes.

"Basically we send a signal down to Monett and Lamar. We carry courses being taught here on campus," said Dr. Jerry Williams, director of continuing education. "Students are able to take the courses simultaneously and call in to ask the instructor questions."

Classes broadcast by the ITFS

system include political science, criminal justice, and geography.

He said the students who take the classes do not only live in Monett or Lamar, but also in outlying towns such as Nevada and Aurora.

"It's our obligation to make college accessible to all citizens of southwest Missouri," Williams said, "regardless of their geographic location."

Currently, students who wish to participate in ITFS classes must travel to a receiving station.

"They have to go to the classroom, [in Lamar or Monett] to watch the course and interact with the instructor," Williams said.

A new addition to the broadcast capabilities will allow more students

to participate in the classes.

This will allow the ITFS courses and several locally produced MSTV programs to be broadcast as part of Southwest Missouri Cable TV, Inc. and Monett Cable TV System.

He said once the classes are broadcast over the cable-TV systems, students who have cable access will be able to view the classes at home.

This will also link public schools in the area to each other.

"[Missouri Southern] will serve as a hub for programs produced at the local schools," Williams said.

He said teachers who wanted to send information between schools could use the system.

"It will interrelate public school activities," Williams said.

## MICHELANGELO

# Computer mayhem fails to show

## Virus strikes two campus locations

By JEFFREY SLATTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

At least two places on campus did not happily celebrate Michelangelo's birthday Friday.

J. Steve Earney, assistant vice president for computer and information services, said there were two places on campus where Michelangelo, the computer virus, was found: the Learning Center in the library and the English department.

"We found and removed the virus," Earney said. "It did not do substan-

tial damage to either location.

Charlene Lewis, English department secretary, said the virus hit her computer last week.

"I first noticed it when the computer would not boot," she said. "I couldn't move from drive A to drive B."

"The biggest thing we lost was the time it took to reload everything onto the system," she said.

Lewis estimated the time to reboot everything at two to three days.

Eileen Godsey, Learning Center counselor, said the Learning Center has only a couple of hard drives and was not hit hard.

"It took a couple of hours to re-

load some programs," Godsey said. "But it wasn't any big deal."

Originally the virus was thought to be dangerous enough to affect most IBM compatible computers around the world.

Earney does not attribute the virus' low campus turnout to great preparation, but more to the fact the virus was not as dangerous as earlier predicted.

"The news media really played it up," he said. "They were interviewing manufacturers of anti-viral software instead of impartial computer experts. These people were really talking up the virus because they had a stake in it."

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## Try tolerance

**S**top the hate. Whenever members of a minority group on campus insist their names be guarded and fear for their safety, something has gone very wrong.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance support group has very quietly and peacefully gone about the business of trying to give homosexuals refuge from the hostility the closed minds gays encounter here.

The Campus Activities Board has scheduled a topical and meaningful lecture on homophobia for next week.

Dave Swenson regularly and courageously goes on record to encourage tolerance for everyone.

Warren Blumenfeld, the lecturer on homophobia, travels the country informing people that any prejudice is wrong.

We salute these groups and individuals for their efforts to bring down the walls of ignorance that seem to so effectively surround Missouri Southern and southwest Missouri.

Not so long in our nation's past, support groups for blacks, women, and other minorities were shunned as radical. Now, they belong to such organizations as acceptable to society. We've come a long way in the fight for equality for all men and women.

But not far enough. The civil rights train has left homosexuals at the station.

Lory St. Clair, lecturer chairman for the CAB, said "Somebody you sit next to in class, your roommate, the person you carpool with—could be gay. That you can be open minded—I hope that's the message everyone gets."

So do we, Lory. So do we.

## Spring fever

**S**pring needs to be sprung. We appreciate the difficulties of scheduling a calendar for an entire academic year, but still cannot help but express our dismay at the fact that we must endure what seems like an eternity before we get a welcome rest.

As students of Missouri Southern, we have the longest academic calendar in the state. Such a long calendar has obvious academic benefits, but everyone needs a rest. An earlier vacation would be a nice way to keep us interested in spending all that "time on task."

The coincidental timing of Southern's spring break with the local public school districts is nice for faculty, staff, and non-traditional students who must care for their children.

What about the rest, however? Even living on campus can be a trying and expensive experience. By the tenth week of school, many of the residence hall students likely could use a trip home to replenish both their morale and their pocketbooks.



## ►EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Hidden beer cans can damage zipper

By JEFFREY SLATTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**L**eon, beer me. This was the message conveyed on the fence directly across from campus last week. (You know, that fence where everyone writes with cups.)

The message, aimed at College President Julio Leon, was swiftly removed Monday morning so students who did not see it, couldn't. I guess someone thought students might see it and say, "Hey, you mean college students drink beer? What a concept!"

Yeah, right! This was done probably to squelch any resistance to Missouri Southern's drinking policy (or lack thereof).

I, for one, was fortunate enough to gaze upon the work of art that appeared on the fence that day. It wasn't a work of art because how it looked (the letters were all crooked and out of place). It was a work of art because of the slogan "Leon, beer me."

I must say I have to agree. I waited 21 years of my life to legally have a beer in public, and if I want to drink a beer in the privacy of my own home, I should be allowed to. I can walk into any bar in town and

have a beer (legally). When I am in St. Louis, I can sit around the house and drink beer with my dad. He sure doesn't seem to mind, so why does the College?

I already pay out the ass to live in the residence halls with hundreds of roaches (I'm starting to give them names). I also am fortunate enough to get to dine at the road killeteria with the same roaches crawling across the salad bar. I think I need a few beers to compensate for the living conditions.

I'm not talking about having a beer bash at North Hall. God forbid, send me to Hell for this concept: just a few beers after a day at school or while watching Missouri beat Kansas in the Big Eight Tournament this weekend. As I think about it, I can even have a beer at my church's picnic in St. Louis. They don't mind either.

Now, before I am kicked out of the Bible Belt and sent back to the Gateway of the West and home of the greatest brewery in the world (no, definitely not Coors or Keystone; you people would be shot in St. Louis for drinking that stuff) for my views, I know many of you are saying "What about the minors who are sure to begin mass drinking if alcohol is not banned in the dorms?"

Guess what? No, not chicken squat as my mom used to say when I was little. Minors already drink. Many minors currently even drink excessively. A no-drinking policy in the dorms only creates a need for a stronger backpack to carry the beer up to our rooms. Frankly, I am getting sick of coming up with new

and creative ways for sneaking alcohol up to the zipper on my backpack is now broken from trying to stuff beer cans into it. I feel like I am trying to break out of prison.

Speaking of prison, I personally feel like every time I am at the campus apartments, it is a knock at the door. I have to dive behind with my beer so we won't get caught. My getting rug burns from sliding across the floor it look like I was drinking a soda. (No, not a Coke, Pepsi, or a pop as most of you call it for me for my St. Louis dialect.) This is ludicrous.

At places like the University of Missouri-Columbia there are no drinking policies in effect. But, have fraternity houses that regularly sponsor where drinking occurs. The dorms even have drinking parties off campus. I know; I went a year. Therefore, it is not as bad.

As I've said, we pay quite a bit of money in less than beautiful surroundings. I am not about the surroundings, only about the beer.

I also am not saying drinking alcohol is the thing to do in the world, but I do enjoy it. If I want to drink, don't. I care, not! As well, if going to drink, drink responsibly. Don't spew the rest of us.

Nice job on the sign, ladies. You know who? Somebody please, please, please, beer me or a new backpack.

## ►IN PERSPECTIVE

## Don't let education problems defeat you

By DR. JIM SANDRIN  
HEAD, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**I**n a very unscientific poll, the question "Can the USA be first in math and science by the year 2000?" was posed to several of my colleagues across campus. Strikingly, only those with negative opinions offered a litany of reasons why we would not be first by the year 2000.

Is there a chance that we could become first? I believe there is a possibility if we pay more attention to instructional strategies and factors that impact favorably on student learning and place less reliance on more standardized testing. Listen to Gregory Anrig, president of Educational Testing Service: "We don't need to keep pulling up the carrot to see if it's still growing."

What about instructional strategies? Herbert J. Walberg, distinguished researcher at the University of Illinois-Chicago, recently reported in *Educational Leadership* a mega-analysis of thousands of research studies and concluded that there were several factors that had a very powerful effect on student learning. In rank order, these strategies included: reinforcement, cues and feedback, mastery learning, graded homework, cooperative learning, class morale, individualization of instruction, home interventions, tutoring, time on task, home environment, and higher order questions (read that as promoting critical think-

ing). Walberg: "When several of these factors are used in tandem by teachers they have a cumulative effect; that is, the effects become even more powerful."

Some factors did not have a powerful effect on student learning. These were: assigned homework (ungraded), socioeconomic status, computer assisted instruction, homogeneous groups, class size, television, and programmed instruction.

S. Allen Cohen, a researcher at the University of San Francisco, postulates when teachers use instructional alignment, that is, a congruence or match among three variables, the objectives, the teaching, and the testing, this process has a powerful effect on student learning. Conversely, mis-alignment or a lack of a match among the above three variables causes a drop in student learning.

Tom Guskey, a prominent researcher and professor at the University of Kentucky, found that mastery learning impacted very favorably on student learning. Guskey further stated that mastery learning had two components: (1) instructional alignment (mentioned above) and (2) giving students regular and specific feedback as to how to correct their learning errors; hence, a second chance via a second test.

Missouri's public schools, using Cohen's instructional alignment and Guskey's mastery learning components have, since 1957, shown significant gains in English, math, science, and social studies as tested by the Missouri Mastery Achievement Test (MMAT), a non-standardized test. This test is based on objectives which the state has produced and placed in the hands of educators. Cohen has described the MMAT results (1957-1991) as the "Missouri miracle." Based on the MMAT, he says "Missouri's test scores have demonstrated the most dramatic statewide gains in the

history of American education."

Commissioner of Education Robert Bartsch describes the Missouri test scores this way: "If you look at the state of Missouri as a giant school district, more than 800,000 students, Missouri scores on the MMAT are simply excellent."

Tom Guskey states from his research that mastery learning does not work as a powerful learning strategy. Moreover, he says, "There is nothing more powerful or motivating than success in learning."

On the negative side, we may have great difficulty in becoming first in math and science if we have problem areas to defeat us. Some selected factors that may be unfair comparisons between American students and foreign students (comparing an open-door system to an elite/selective system); a lack of proper funding and moral support for schools and educators; outdated and equipment that are outdated, teachers will not change, too many outside interests; outdated curricula, teacher burnout, abuse, inadequate teacher training, at-risk students, business and industry draining our best minds; science graduates away from teaching, and people who seem not to care.

We need to regain the fervor that this nation had and move ahead. We are good and we can do it. How good can we be? Listen to Lee Iacocca: "Apply yourself. Get all the education you can, then, by God, do something! Don't just stand there and make something happen. It isn't easy, but if you put your nose to the grindstone and work at it, if you are in a free society you can become a great person. You want to be." And along the way, I might add, attention to Anrig, Walberg, Cohen, and Guskey.

YOUR  
LETTERS

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## Teach black history before college

**I**n the Feb. 27 issue of *The Chart*, Kevin Hooks took it upon himself to set a few things straight. I, for one, agree wholeheartedly with Mr. Hooks and what he said in reference to a previous letter to the editor written by one Mr. Surber.

Mr. Surber, Black History Month does not even come close to making up for the persecution and inequality that African-Americans have experienced through the years. And to say such events are wrong because they exclude other races is preposterous. Mr. Surber, what do you do to celebrate events such as President's Day or

Columbus Day? That's what I thought.

Mr. Hooks brings up another very good point in his letter. We do not learn the rich history of Black culture in school. Why is this? Maybe this is why we have ignorant racists waving signs, donning white robes, and running around the country spreading lies (Does David Duke come to mind?) It is a pity we do not have classes like Intercultural Communication (a class available in the communications department at MSSC) in

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## Increasing tuition really nothing new

**T**uitions just increased again at Missouri Southern. So what else is new?

I started back to college in the fall of 1955. At that time, college tuition was \$37.50 an hour. Since then, tuition has climbed to \$40.50 an hour, \$48 an hour, \$53 an hour, and now it will be \$58 an hour in the fall of 1992.

Every time there is an increase, I hear the claim that Southern is one of the cheapest colleges in the state. Quite frankly, I am tired of hearing this claim.

The biggest problem concerning the rising tuition costs begins in Jefferson City. There is less money for state-funded colleges and institutions every year.

Southern became a fully state-funded college

in 1975. At that time, the feeling was that becoming a fully state-funded college was necessary. The problem is that every year more money is needed to fund state colleges and universities. The money is not there.

Proposition B proved that money needed for all education is in short supply. Asking the taxpayer to pay more for education is an unreasonable request.

What is the solution? This is a good question. My intuition tells me college tuition is like a song I remember when I was in high school. The song was titled "Up, Up and Away."

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MIDDLE EAST

American aid to Israel on 'ice'

THE ECONOMIST

Palestinians accuse Israel of pressing "apartheid" upon them; Israelis accuse Americans of wanting to push them back behind "Schwartz borders." The roughness of this talk, emerging from the latest round of peace talks in Washington, reflects the consternation of Israelis, and a new confidence among Palestinians, at the steeliness of President George Bush's refusal to accept the Israeli pre-empting the use of the occupied territories by settling them with Jewish settlers. It has always been American policy to oppose Israeli settlement in the West Bank and Gaza but, until now, the policy has been mumbled through endless gums. On Feb. 24, James Baker gave it teeth. The secretary of state told Congress the administration would back Israel's request for \$1 billion in loan guarantees over the next five years only if Israel froze every dollar it spent on settlements. Israel might be allowed a "lesser amount" of a year-by-year basis if it chose to complete work begun before Jan. 1, 1993, then there would be a financial penalty of a dollar for every dollar spent on settlement, including roads

and sewers. Although some voices in the Israeli government still say that all is open for discussion, Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, has raised the right to build and settle in the occupied territories to the level of a principle from which there can be no retreat. A compromise looks all but impossible. Shamir has kept quiet but an Israeli diplomat in Washington remarks that his government has been given the choice "between eating and breathing." A \$2 billion loan guarantee had rashly been incorporated into Israel's 1992 budget. Mustering bravado, the finance minister now says that the country can manage without it. But its lack will mean fewer jobs, exacerbating the plight of new immigrants. Hours before Baker spoke out, Shamir told a group of American Jews that there was a difference between Israeli "presence and sovereignty." The flaw in his argument was highlighted by his housing minister, Ariel Sharon, who told the group that 22,000 new Israeli homes are currently being built in the occupied territories, not 13,000 as America had been led to believe. The Palestinians, who reckon Israel has used the peace talks that began

last October to accelerate the settlement rate, say that nothing substantive can be discussed while the building goes on. They dismissed with contempt some outline proposals for self-rule that Israel put forward this week, calling the offer even meaner than the one proposed ten years ago. "Sovereignty over land and water and financial affairs would remain in [Israeli] hands," said Haider Abdel Shafi, the chief Palestinian delegate; "it is a way of perpetuating the status quo." His spokesman, Hanan Ashrawi, savaged the proposals as "an insult to our intelligence." The talks, which were to continue until March 4, will be renewed later in the year, possibly in Europe. The administration's toughness over the credits, challenging the received wisdom that says no American politician takes on Israel in election year, reflects its desire to keep the peace talks going. An opinion poll showing more than 70 percent support for the president's firmness indicates that the political cost will be light. The public is in no mood to give money away. Bush has nothing to fear on this score for his rival in the primaries, Pat Buchanan (a long-time critic of Israel), and

Israel's American supporters themselves. With Israel itself going to the polls in June, the Americans are being accused of playing Israeli politics by trying to weaken the Likud's hand against Labour. Perhaps to soften this impression, the administration is said to be working with Congress on an amended "Leahy formula." A legislative fudge could be put in the foreign-aid bill that Congress will be trying to pass in March. The credits would be agreed to in principle, but negotiations would continue with Israel and the administration would have full discretion to withhold the money. But many Israelis believe that it was no coincidence Baker hardened America's position a few days after the Labour Party elected Yitzhak Rabin to lead it into the June election. Rabin is thought to offer the first serious challenge to the Likud since it took office 15 years ago; he is also well known and regarded in Washington. Although Rabin would not have accepted a total freeze on construction—he is committed to Israel's settlement in East Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley—he would have arrived at a compromise.



CAMBODIA

United Nations looks toward human rights

BERNARD KOUCHNER  
LOS ANGELES TIMES SYNDICATE

Bernard Kouchner is the French Secretary of State for Humanitarian Action. A physician, he was a founder of Medecins Sans Frontieres and Medecins du Monde, two private French organizations that mounted relief operations in Cambodia, Afghanistan, Yugoslavia, and elsewhere.

Can we dream of a 21st century where the horrors of the 20th will not be repeated? Where the mass extermination took place in Cambodia under Khmer Rouge cannot happen again? The answer is a hopeful—no, as part of the emergent order, a new morality can be added in the "right to preventive intervention" against the abuses of national sovereignty.

Last week's announcement by United Nations Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali that he will dispatch 20,000 "blue-helmet" soldiers to Cambodia for the next year as it makes the transition to democracy is a major first step in the long process toward establishing this right to intervention.

In Cambodia, the U.N. will supervise elections, manage the police, return refugees, and disarm soldiers. It will even be authorized to issue passports and ensure media access to electoral candidates. In other words, rather than waiting outside and hoping the Khmer Rouge will not repeat its crimes, the U.N. has instead fashed itself as a humanitarian army to cross frontiers into a sovereign state before people can become victims.

This is a historic departure from practices where the U.N., governments and private relief organizations only take care of people who were victims fleeing across borders to safety.

The right to humanitarian assistance has gone through two generations of development, and is now being added a third—each successively giving more rights to people who were suffering and successively adding more rights to people who were suffering and less to state sovereignty.

eighty as it is classically defined.

The first generation began when the Red Cross entered into agreements around the turn of the century with various countries to take care of those wounded on the battlefield. This was revolutionary at the time.

The second generation began with French volunteers of Medecins Sans Frontieres and other doctors working in Biafra and later in Afghanistan to take care of victims on all sides. As doctors, they found it impossible to stop their care at the disputed border when a patient was bleeding to death on the other side.

As a result of these experiences, the U.N. in 1988 first established the right of "free access to the victims of natural disasters and other emergency situations" if the assisting agency was neutral.

Free access to victims also had to follow the principle of "subsidiarity," a diplomatic way of saying that, if a government cannot take care of all its population, then the neutral outside agency can be allowed to do so. This was a very significant move for the United Nations, temple as it had long been of the concept of national sovereignty.

By 1990, the U.N. had accepted the principle of "emergency humanitarian corridors," which made it possible to reconcile sovereign claims of nations with the concept of free access to the wounded. It is on this basis that the French government, along with the private organizations, has established corridors in the southern Sudan, where 7,000 people were massacred this year with barely a mention in the Western media, and ferried the wounded out of Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, when it was under siege. We plan to establish corridors soon in Nagorno-Karabakh and Somalia.

The experience of humanitarian assistance to the Kurds in the aftermath of the Gulf War, however, reveals very clearly the limits of "free access to victims" and underlines the need to move fully to the third generation of "preventive intervention."

The Kurdish example was both a success and failure for the second generation. The U.N. High Commission for Refugees was able to establish protective camps for the Kurds along the Turkish border and in Iraq itself, but only up to the boundary



of the Kirkuk area. Yet, in Kirkuk and in other non-protected Kurdish areas, the Iraqi army is again active and regular bombings are taking place. Already, 20,000 people have fled the Kirkuk area for the safety of the mountains.

Talk of a "right to intervention" has naturally alarmed many people, especially those in the developing world who see it as another guise of the old imperialism. But let me assure those who accuse the emergent humanitarian army of acting on the basis that "might makes right." On the contrary, we are trying to protect the weakest and the disinherited, not the strong.

The right to intervention arises in another era than the past one of colonial-style invasions. Humanitarian intervention will never be the action of a single country or of a national army playing policeman to the world, as the United States did in Latin America or France did in Africa. Humanitarian intervention will be carried out by a neutral, multinational force acting under the authority of international organizations and controlled by them.

The charge of "human rights imperialism" against local cultural norms is also not a valid argument against the right to intervene. Human rights are human rights. Freedom is freedom. Everywhere. If a Muslim woman in the Sudan opposes painful clitoral excision, or if a Chinese woman opposes the binding of her feet, her rights are being violated.

To argue that such oppression is a part of the same inviolable cultural identity is complete and utter nonsense. When a patient suffers and desires care, she has the right to receive it. This also holds for human rights.

The U.N. plan for Cambodia sets an optimistic tone for coming years. It seems within the realm of the possible that in a decade of the effective international guarantees of human rights and minority rights will finally be a reality.

It's not a Black and White problem, it's an American problem. Even though we all have different cultures and heritages that we should be proud of, maybe one day we can truly be one nation—Americans one and all. And maybe we can be seen (to some extent) as one race—the human race.

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PEACE CORPS

Student to experience African life

By KAYLEA HUTSON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Republic of Ghana will become Susan Koch's home with the Peace Corps for the next two years.

Koch, a senior sociology major, was notified last month that she was accepted as a volunteer. In July she will begin 10 weeks of training in community forestry extension. The training will take place outside the main city of Accra, Ghana.

Upon successful completion of her training, Koch will be placed in Ghana to work in a tree nursery.

"I will be working with the people to encourage them to plant trees and making them aware of the consequences of deforestation," she said. "I think that Ghana has a big problem with gold mining."

Ghana uses strip-mining techniques to extract gold, a practice Koch said is "horrible for the environment."

Located five degrees above the equator in western Africa, Ghana has year-round temperatures from 75 to 85 degrees with 96 percent humidity in the mornings. Koch said



Susan Koch

Ghana is approximately the size of Indiana and Illinois combined.

She became interested in joining the Peace Corps after talking with Dr. Allen Merriam, professor of communications, about his experiences with the organization.

"He made me realize what a wonderful opportunity it would be to travel and to experience life in a third-world country," Koch said. "It is an opportunity to see how many of the world's population live their lives."

She said her living arrangements in Ghana will not be determined until after her training is finished. The housing ranges from an apartment in the city to living in a rural area without indoor running water.

Koch said Peace Corps volunteers are well respected because many live under the same conditions as those with whom they are working.

She will receive the equivalent of \$200 in local currency from the Peace Corps each month.

"They encourage you to live on the same income level as your host country's nationals," Koch said.

She said she will not miss the services not available in Ghana.

"I think the things that you give up are worth the experience you get in meeting people," Koch said. "The Peace Corps is my chance to put into practice many values and ideas I have always had."

Those values include living simply.

"I'm sure there will be a lot of difficulties and a lot of hard work," she said. "It's not going to be just fun."

Koch said her parents and friends have been supportive about her decision to join the Peace Corps.

"They are really concerned about my health and what I would do if I became sick while I am gone," she said. "But the Peace Corps does take extra protections on the health of the volunteers."

Those protections include instructions about what to do in the event of illness and immunizations given prior to leaving the United States.

"I'm very excited," Koch said. "In the next four months I'll do a lot of reading about Ghana. There is also a student at PSU (Pittsburg State University) who is from Ghana. So I will get the opportunity to talk to someone from Ghana before I go."

While many things about her life in Ghana still are unknown, she said this does not disturb her.

"I think the Peace Corps really prepares you very well," Koch said. "You have to be flexible and be ready for problems to occur."

After her two-year stay in Ghana, Koch plans to attend graduate school to study anthropology. However, the Peace Corps "may open up new possibilities for study that I have not previously thought of," she said.

GLOBAL VIEWS

United Germany faces problems

By ANNETTA ST. CLAIR  
ASSOC. PROF., POLITICAL SCIENCE

Unification of East and West Germany produced more problems than Germans expected. For years the two countries were separate entities, developing along separate paths.

While Germans hoped to reunite, many doubted it could occur. When it finally became reality, it brought unexpected problems along with tumultuous joy. The problems stated here reflect only two of the concerns I learned about this past summer when the College sent me to the International Faculty Seminar on German Unification and which I saw while traveling extensively in Germany.

The transition from a controlled to a free economy has been made easier for the East Germans than for other East European countries because they had the West rely on for guidance and financial support during that transition. In spite of this, the economic picture has not been a happy one. It is difficult to move from a situation where all economic decisions are made for you to one in which you make your own determination. We are used to finding our own jobs and working hard



to increase our salaries. The East Germans were not. They were handed a job and told to perform it whether it was productive or not; whether it was necessary or not.

Consequently, when they switched to a market economy many of their jobs were eliminated. Industries simply went out of business. Others folded because they duplicated those in the West which were more efficient. The people had no idea how to find a job since they had always been given one—whether they liked it or not. Even professionals did not know how to go about finding a position. Many did not know what a resume was. While the unemploy-

ment figure for the West is 8.3 percent, according to the Federal Labor Agency Report of Feb. 5, 1992, the figure for the East stands at 16.5 percent. The figure for East Berlin is higher than that. This alone leads to unrest and trouble for the country.

Another problem is the tax situation to pay for unification. Originally DM 500 million (one U.S. dollar equaled DM 1.65 on Feb. 20) was set aside to pay for "transitional aid." That DM 500 million has now increased to DM 1.5 billion! To pay for this costly burden, the German national legislature on Feb. 14 (a nice Valentine gift for the population) passed a tax package that will increase the value added tax to 15 percent. The value added tax is somewhat similar to our sales tax. Germans react to this with staid resolve. When asked about the tax, they most often respond in words similar to, "I don't like it, but we will do it because it must be done."

While we have focused on only two serious areas, there are many others even more difficult to resolve.

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er high or high school. Would it be things? Well, it's a start. For a point of my own. Why Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday is not celebrated everywhere in this country? This is one more example of how the thinking is in this country. You have to be one person. You don't want to take a lot of work. Mr. Surber: Maybe you bit

off more than you can chew—more than you can deal with. Please use caution in the road ahead. Thank you.

To Mr. Hooks: Are you listening, Mr. Hooks? Keep up the good work in the future. Mr. Hooks, I know I have no true idea of what it is like to be an African-American of the past or of today, and I know I have no idea of the struggle.

Remember, racism hurts everyone. And it comes in many different



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## 12 TODAY

The Society for Human Resource Management meets at 12:15 p.m. in Room 103 of Matthews Hall.

The Wesley Foundation gathers at 2 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

The Lady Lions open their tennis season at 3 p.m. at Northeastern Oklahoma State.

## 13 TOMORROW

Missouri Attorney General Bill Webster holds a political rally at 5 p.m. in the Connor Ballroom.

The baseball Lions begin play in the Pan American Tournament in Edinburg, Texas. The tournament continues through Wednesday.

The softball Lady Lions play in the Pro-Am Athletics Classic today and tomorrow at Kungie Field.

The Missouri State High School Speech Association holds its district tournament from noon to 4 p.m. in Room 306 of the BSC.

## 14 SATURDAY

The Missouri State High School Speech Association continues its district journey from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 306 of the BSC. An awards assembly begins at 4 p.m. in the BSC Connor Ballroom.

The Lady Lions' tennis team plays at 11 a.m. at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa.

## 15 SUNDAY

Lambda Beta Phi meets at 6 p.m. in BSC Room 311.

The Kappa Alpha fraternity gathers from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in BSC Room 313.

Sigma Pi holds a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in BSC Room 314.

## 16 MONDAY

The softball Lady Lions battle Crowder College at a 3 p.m. exhibition in Neosho.

The Greek Council meets at 4 p.m. in BSC Room 311.

Sigma Nu meets at 5 p.m. in Room 313 of the BSC.

Phi Eta Sigma meets at 5 p.m. in Room 310 of the BSC.

Those interested in trying out for cheerleading are invited to a practice from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Young Gymnasium. Practices also are scheduled for Thursday, March 19, and Monday, March 30. The official tryout is at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 4.

## 17 TUESDAY

A St. Patrick's Day Buffet will be held on the third floor of the BSC at a cost of \$5.

The Baptist Student Union gathers from 11 a.m. to noon in Room 311 of the BSC.

LDSSA meets at noon in Room 313 of the BSC.

The Newman Club gathers from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 306 of the BSC.

The Lady Lions' tennis team entertains Emporia State at 3 p.m.

Kolonia meets at 7 p.m. at College Heights Christian Church on Newman Road.

The CAB sponsors a St. Patrick's dance from 9 p.m. to midnight.

## 18 WEDNESDAY

The Lady Lions' tennis team plays at 2 p.m. at Drury College in Springfield.

The Wesley Foundation gathers from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

## ► CRISIS INTERVENTION

## Classes ready students to aid people

Psychology 201, 202 offer hotline work, experience

By KRISTA CURRY  
STAFF WRITER

Two classes at Missouri Southern not only instruct students about crisis intervention, but also aid those in need of such help.

Students with confidence, optimism, and the desire to help other individuals with problems might consider taking Psychology 201 and 202, Crisis Intervention.

"The purpose of the course is to train people to be paraprofessional hotline workers," said Dr. Roger Paige, professor of psychology.

Individuals interested in the course must be at least second-semester sophomores and must pass a personality test, the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory.

"It's designed to tell if a person is mentally healthy," Paige said. "If they're not mentally healthy then we don't want them to do it for two reasons."

"One reason is that it might be harmful to them if they get on a line and something traumatic happens. Second, they may mess up somebody else because they may not be able to handle it or know what to do."

Students also must be interviewed by two board members.

"They basically try to decide whether or not a person would be a good paraprofessional," Paige said.

"If they decide yes, then they graduate with a certificate stating they are a paraprofessional."

"If they don't do a good interview, then the person may not have the

verbal skills necessary to work well on the hotline. There are some hurdles people have to jump."

Psychology 201 teaches the basic concepts of crisis intervention. They are further practiced in Psychology 202.

"Psychology 202 is a practicum where the students actually go out and do the work," Paige said. "I supervise that. They get one hour credit for each class."

"Students are trained to listen and refer. They listen to their problems and help the people clarify what their problems are."

The Crisis Intervention hotline receives about 100 calls a month.

"The Intervention Center has a diverter so they can forward the calls that come into the answering service to anybody's home anywhere," Paige said.

"The paraprofessional worker is on at least two six-hour on-call shifts each month."

"In the last month, I know there's only been one call related to suicide. And it was a pretty intense call."

Students working on a hotline must conceal their identity. They are not allowed to meet with any of the callers.

"Students are immediately dismissed," Paige said. "It is strictly phone and strictly anonymous."

"One of the drawbacks of the hotline is that it's a 24-hour-a-day hotline, so somebody has got to take the late night calls."

"Another drawback is that we never know if we do any good or not. We think we do, but we don't get feedback. They don't call us back and say, 'Well, I didn't do it.'"

Paige said the training is good experience for students.

"It's designed to make these people feel confident in their abilities," he said. "Since we never get any feedback, they're going to continue

to have that attitude."

Studies suggest the students do almost as good a job as professional hotlines as professionals.

"There was an experience several years ago that whether people trained in crisis line can be effective and helpful crisis line," Paige said. "A group of them were compared to a group of psychiatrists and psychologists. No differences were found. They were equally effective in a crisis situation."

"I think that the paraprofessionals know they're as good as a professional, so they feel pretty confident."

Currently 30 students are on the hotline. Another 16 are rolled in the mid-semester exam.

"Anyone interested in taking class can sign up for it in the next or fall," Paige said. "They can write to Crisis Intervention and get an application form."

## ► ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

## Awards offer cash, prestige to students

By LESLIE KARR  
STAFF WRITER

English majors have the chance to earn cash awards and prestige through their department.

There are three faculty-nominated awards: the Henry G. Morgan Award, The Nadean Harder Medal, and the Albert L. Storm Award. Three awards will be given for student-submitted papers: the Bernard McCormick Award, The Langston Hughes Award, and The Lucille Dinges Award.

"I think we are, or should be, in the business of awarding excellence as a college, and we (English department faculty) are trying to do our part," said Dr. Joseph Lambert, English department head.

Lambert said an average of three students usually enter each category, but he would like to see more.

"The more the merrier," Lambert said. "Primarily, these awards are prestige. It's a wonderful line on a resume, plus there's a cash award on most of them."

One of the faculty-recommended awards, the Morgan Award, was established in 1987 by Dr. Henry Morgan, associate professor of English. The award is to encourage students to enter the teaching profession. It is open to all English majors with no fewer than 60 hours and post-graduate students. All applicants must have an overall 3.2 grade-point average.

The Nadean Harder Medal, established by English professor Henry

L. Harder in memory of his mother, is another faculty-recommended award. The award is for English majors and minors recognized for outstanding performance in medieval or renaissance studies.

The third faculty-recommended award is the Storm Award for the most promising pre-professional English major. The award, created by Southern alumna Patricia Storm, is open to all English majors with junior standing working toward their first bachelor of arts degree. Eligible students also must have a minimum 3.2 GPA.

The Storm Award is intended to recognize English majors pursuing a non-teaching career. The award is \$100.

In order to be considered for the Dinges Award, an English major or minor must submit a critical essay not to exceed 20 pages to Charline Lewis in Room 300 of Hearnes Hall.

The McCormick Award is for the best paper on a philosophic topic with a minimum of 1,500 words. The student may have any major.

The best student-submitted creative writing work will receive The Langston Hughes Award. The creative piece should not exceed 20 pages.

Student-submitted works should be turned in by Monday, March 30 to Lewis in Room 300 of Hearnes Hall. The entries should contain two cover sheets; the second without a name.

## ► LEGAL STUDIES CLUB

## Club to update public with April law seminar

Attorneys to offer free law guidance

By P.J. GRAHAM  
CAMPUS EDITOR

On a rare note, three area attorneys will offer their services to the public for free.

LEX, Missouri Southern's Legal Studies Club, will sponsor a free Family Law Update Seminar at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, in Matthews Hall auditorium.

"It's to update the public in recent changes in family law," said Tommie Parsons, LEX president. "A lot of times people only know what they see on TV about law—and that's not very accurate."

The three attorneys will focus on different aspects of family law. Bruce Secrist will speak on divorce, Mary Lou Martin will focus on child support enforcement, and Robert W. Richart will discuss modifying existing divorce decrees.

Concerning the divorce decrees, Parsons said many people believe that after the initial divorce they cannot change anything decided by the courts.

"Everyday, cases are done that create new laws," Parsons said. "Unless you're exposed to law, you don't realize how quickly laws do change."

A question and answer session will follow the seminar. Parsons said those with minor problems may be able to have their concerns answered.

"If they have a bigger problem, at least they can find out they do need an attorney," she said. "We thought it would be important to the public."

LEX members also attend Continued Legal Education programs. Parsons said the goal of these are to keep professionals updated.

Parsons said the main goal of the club is to expose its members to legal professionals.

The club, advised by Dr. Michael Yates, associate professor of political science, is open to all Southern students.

## BEFORE THE FREEZE



Brian Vierthaler (left to right), freshman business major; Tony Flint, freshman theatre major; and Robert Simmons, pre-engineering major, take time out from their classes to appreciate the warm Monday morning in the campus oval. Students faced below-freezing temperatures in the area Tuesday morning.

## ► LA SOCIEDAD HISPANO-NORTEAMERICANA PRO-EDUCACION

## Group to discuss Aztecs

Improving Spanish-speaking skills while enlightening students of Hispanic culture in the Americas is the angle that Sohispro, a Spanish-oriented group at Missouri Southern, takes.

The next La Sociedad Hispano-Norteamericana Pro-Educacion meeting partly will be a lecture by Dr. Paul Smith, Smith, chairperson of the language program at Pittsburgh State University, will speak about the Aztecs and the Spanish Conquest at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19 in Room 314 of the Billingsly Student Center.

"He's speaking about the conse-

quence of the clash of two cultures," said Dr. V.L. Peterson, director of Sohispro. "It's certainly not going to glorify the Conquest."

The lecture is the second in a series, "The Year of the Americas," which will continue until the end of the year. During the first 10 minutes of the 45-minute meetings, members converse in Spanish. Afterwards, the guest speakers present their lecture.

Peterson said Spanish students in the group benefit from the experience. "They find that when they come they wonder why they haven't come earlier," he said.

The group asks members to donate

one dollar at each meeting. Sohispro now has \$260; its goal is to collect more for a scholarship.

Peterson said there often is confusion concerning the Indo-America cultures. One such confusion lies in the way Spanish disrupted the life of Indian cultures.

"In spite of their cruelty, the Indians have also made a contribution," said Peterson.

Peterson exemplified this by raising the question of what would have happened to the Indians, who had been heavily among themselves, if the Spanish had not taken control of Indian societies.

## ► NTSA

## Non-trad students begin member drive

After turning last semester, the Non-Traditional Student Association will attempt to increase its membership.

NTSA will hold a membership drive social from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, in the Lions' Den of the Billingsly Student Center.

Students are encouraged to attend for a few minutes to get more infor-

mation about the club.

"This will give them the flexibility of dropping in and getting them on our mailing list," said Jane Anderson, chairperson of the drive. "Refreshments will be served and childcare will be provided."

Anderson said the group's main focus is support.

"[It is] so you won't feel you're out there all alone," she said. "So you

know you're not slipping through the cracks of the system."

"We've all had feelings that way too old to be in school."

Although a non-traditional student is considered one who is more than 25, there is no age limit for NTSA. Anderson said married students and those with families often need support non-traditionals need.

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UPCOMING EVENTS  
CALENDAR

## MO. SOUTHERN

The Hambro Quartet of Pianos: 7:30 p.m. today; Taylor Auditorium

Kansas: 8 p.m. Monday, March 23; Taylor Auditorium; tickets \$15.50, on sale at the Book Barn and Sound Wave

"Directions:" ceramic sculptures; 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. today; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; through March 22; Spiva Art Center

"Good Luck Dance:" presented by Southern Stars Country and Western Dance Association; 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. tomorrow; Joplin Square Dance Hall; 1801 W. Second; 424-9368

Country and western dance lessons: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Monday for five more weeks; Room 101 of Building B; 424-9378; \$25 per person

Carol Comer and the Camps: presented by Jazz in Joplin; 2:30 p.m. Sunday; Taylor Auditorium; 417-623-5840

"Laughter in Paradise:" presented by Missouri Southern Music Society; 7:30 p.m. today, March 24; Connor Auditorium; 417-625-9393

## JOPLIN

Caraoke: every Tuesday and Thursday; Champs; 516 Joplin; 417-782-4944

Night Train: 9 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday; Champs

Gypsy: rock and roll; March 24-25; Champs

Big Bang: tomorrow; Champs; 1212 Main; 417-624-6544

Comedy Night: Saturday; Champs

Dash Riprock: tonight; Champs; reserved seating only

Blas From the Past: benefit for Mercy Regional Health Foundation; March 14, 20-21; Hammons Trade Center; 417-625-2265; \$15 per person; all seats reserved

The American Quartet: presented by Pro Musica; 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20; St. Philip's Episcopal Church; 702 Joplin; 417-623-8865

## SPRINGFIELD

Master Prints from the Permanent Collection: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, and 12 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday; through March 15; Springfield Art Museum; 466-2716

Daughter of the Double: March 13-15; Springfield Regional Opera House; Springfield Little Theatre; 311 E. 11th; 417-869-1334

## JULSA

Seeing the Floating World: Japanese Spirit in Turn-of-the-Century French Art: an exhibit of 153 works by 70 artists from the 1860s to the 1920s; through Sunday; Brook Museum of Art; 340-7701

Shared Visions: Native American Painters and Sculptors in the Twentieth Century; through April 12; Chase Museum; 918-582-3122

## KANSAS CITY

Frampton: Thursday, March 26; Dundee's Night Pub; 1101 W. Barry Road; tickets \$25

View from the Bridge: through March 31; Joplin Repertory Theatre; 816-235-2700

## LOUIS

Knights: 8 p.m. today; Fox Theatre; 527 North Broadway; 314-534-1678

## SOUTHERN CONCEPTS

## Ad club paints to get paid

By JASON HAASE  
STAFF WRITER

Southern Concepts, Missouri Southern's advertising club, is earning some money by painting billboards for a local Little League ball field.

David W. Noblett, associate professor of art, said anywhere from three to 15 students work on the billboards on Saturdays, Sundays, or late in the evening during the week. In all, 30 to 35 may assist in the project.

"They're trying to get some money together so that we can either bring in speakers related to graphics, marketing, or communications," said Noblett, adviser to Southern Concepts.

They would also like to conduct workshops or tour some large businesses or corporations that are related to the fields of advertising or marketing.

Lisa Phelps, secretary-treasurer of the Metropolitan Little League Ball Park at Wildcat Park, has been Southern Concepts' contact with the community relating to the billboards.

"I feel that it's not only good for the students, but we're making a little money so we can bring in some speakers or conduct some workshops or something," Noblett said.

"It's also excellent for the community."

This type of activity creates a

## PAINTIN' AROUND



Betsy Clark and Matt Noblett, two members of Southern Concepts, work on a billboard Tuesday in the graphic arts room. The group is painting billboards for several area businesses as a fund-raiser.

good relationship between the city and the College, Noblett said. He said many people and businesses around the city now are becoming aware of the graphic design program and the students.

The billboard space being sold will go around the Metropolitan ball field.

The ball field is receiving money from interested businesses. Southern Concepts is being paid a certain por-

tion of that money.

"They're kind of coming in one at a time," said Noblett. "When a business says 'We'll buy a space,' they then bring over the kind of information they need and we'll do the billboards."

Phelps said about 12 billboards will remain from last year. This year six have been sold, and approximately another 15 are expected.

## DEBATE

## Kerney qualifies for three events in national competition this year

By NICOLE DAVISON  
STAFF WRITER

He sings, he acts, and he debates.

John Kerney, junior accounting major, is a many-faceted person and has been excelling in debate since his return to Missouri Southern.

He left the College to manage an apartment complex in Dallas for two years. When the complex changed

owners his parents convinced him to return to Southern.

Upon his return he decided to again become involved with the forensics team after talking with Brooks Haynie, director of forensics.

"He's an extremely talented speaker and he's committed to the activity as well," said Haynie of Kerney, who is no stranger to forensics.

He was a national novice cham-



John Kerney

pion in four events in 1988 as well as a national overall champion in individual events. He already has qualified in three events for the national competition to be held in St. Louis this year.

He has a chance to win more awards and qualify in more events for nationals at the district competition to be held this weekend at Pittsburg State University.

"I'm doing better now than I was three years ago," said Kerney, who has won 20 different awards in the last five months.

The various events the forensics squad competes in include prose, poetry, dramatic interpretation, duo, and program oral interpretation. Kerney's program oral interpretation material has fared well in competition. His theme, the difference between love and passion, combines prose and dramatic interpretation. His dramatic interpretation deals with masturbation and puberty while his prose deals with an individual writing a letter to the woman he loves.

Kerney believes his talent comes from his love of theatre, which dates back to high school. He loved theatre and still does.

He has done a lot of professional theatre in Kansas City and Dallas. Some of the productions which he has appeared in include *Barefoot in the Park*, *Our Town*, and *Grease*.

"I've done over 50 plays in major cities over the last six years," Kerney said.

He said his goal in life has always been to become an actor.

"When I was young, I was just going to drop everything and go to L.A.," Kerney said.

Employment opportunities and his past business experiences are swaying him toward business. He wants to be financially secure and still able to perform.

"As long as I can do theatre, I'll be happy," said Kerney of his future.

For now he is looking forward to nationals. He thinks his chances of doing well are good. He is happy with his accomplishments so far.

"The last 10 years of my life, I wouldn't trade them for anything," he said.

"We will do a lot of tunes off our newest album," he said. "We will also do a medley of old stuff from the last 15 years."

He said fans also can expect praise songs and "a lot of entertainment."

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## ROCK CONCERT

## 'Kansas' on tap

Group to play on campus March 23

Kansas will perform at 8 p.m. Monday, March 23, in Taylor Auditorium.

The group met in the early 1970s and began playing in many clubs throughout Kansas. After sending out dozens of demo tapes, rock entrepreneur Don Kirshner received one of the group's demos and signed Kansas to his label.

After recording albums and traveling around the country as an opening act for other groups, it finally hit the big time with "Carry on Wayward Son."

Kansas believes it sounds the way it does because its members grew up in Topeka, Kan., a place they say that had absolutely no musical tradition. Kansas terms itself as a potpourri of every kind of music the group ever heard. It has been called a classical rock, hard rock and a heavy metal band. Band members say they have been told they sound like the Allman Brothers and Jethro Tull.

Kansas is one of the few American

groups that has classical influences and incorporates them into its music.

"We're really just a sophisticated bar band," said drummer Phil Ehart, referring to the group's early years.

Kansas' 1992 tour features Ehart, Steve Walsh, vocals/keyboards; Rich Williams, guitarist; Billy Greer, bass guitarist/vocals; David Ragsdale, violin/guitar/vocals; and Greg Robert, keyboard/vocals.

Kansas released 13 singles between 1976 and 1988, including "Carry on Wayward Son," "Point of No Return," "Dust in the Wind," "Portrait," "People of the Southwind," "Reason to Be," "Hold On," "Got to Rock On," "Play the Game Tonight," "Right Away," "Fight Fire With Fire," "All I Wanted," and "Stand Beside Me."

The concert is being sponsored by KOCD FM 98.3. Tickets are \$15.50 in advance and \$17.50 at the door. Persons may purchase tickets at the Book Barn in Joplin and Sound Wave in Joplin.

## DEBATE

## Southern takes third; tourney rules change

By HONEY SCOTT  
STAFF WRITER

Only a select few, including two Missouri Southern debaters, were invited to attend an experimental Cross Examination Debate Association tournament at Central Missouri State University last weekend.

Southern took the CEDA team of Paul Hood, senior English major, and Steven Doubledde, sophomore communications major.

Also invited to the tournament were Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Southwestern College, and Kansas State University.

Southern took third, and Hood was named third best speaker in the tournament. KSU took first, with Southwestern second.

"It was an honor to be invited," said Brooks Haynie, debate coach. "We were chosen as four of the finest teams in the country and were exceptionally happy about it."

The purpose of the tournament was to try a new debate format. As CEDA now operates, there are no set rules. Organizers experimented with different rules in an effort to make CEDA more equitable.

"CEDA has no rules," Doubledde said. "The one rule is that there are no rules. The entire purpose of the tournament was to make debate more fair."

One of the rules imposed included fouls for speaking out of turn. After three fouls, speakers would lose 30 seconds off their speech. Another rule change was that speakers could object to cross examination questions.

"The consensus of the tournament was that they didn't like it," Doubledde said. "We felt like it hampers the

tournament with rules. We can regulate ourselves; the rules hindered more than helped. The teams invited were the best teams in the region, so we don't have a problem with regulating ourselves."

This weekend the individual events team will go to Pittsburg State University for the American Forensics Association district tournament.

"I expect some qualifications for nationals," Haynie said.

John Kerney, junior accounting major, will participate in dramatic interpretation and duo interpretation with Shannon Lightfoot, freshman English major. Because Kerney has qualified for nationals in poetry, prose, and programmed oral interpretation, he will try to qualify for nationals in both interpretation events.

Lightfoot will enter impromptu speaking as well as duo interpretation with Kerney and Curt Gilstrap, freshman marketing major. Gilstrap also will enter impromptu and duo interpretation with Lightfoot and Kim Lawry, freshman history major. Lawry, in addition to her duo with Gilstrap, will compete in poetry and dramatic interpretation.

Nick Hays, freshman undecided, will participate in impromptu, prose, and dramatic interpretation. Jason Jones, freshman communications major, will enter prose.

"The top 10 percent in each event will go to nationals," Haynie said.

Kerney and Lightfoot have finished high enough in dramatic interpretation in previous tournaments that they only need to finish in the top four to qualify. Kerney also can qualify in dramatic interpretation by placing in the top four.

## THE IMPERIALS

## Gospel group to perform in Joplin as part of 'Big God' tour

Pop sound is 'straightforward, inspirational' for family

By KAYLEA HUTSON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Using experience gained during the previous 28 years, the contemporary gospel group *The Imperials* has yet to change its sound.

"We have always had a pop sound," said Armond Morales, original member of *The Imperials*. "It's a top-40 sound for whatever era it has been in, with a real solid gospel message."

"They (fans) say we sound like the time we are in."

Morales said while their songs range from soft rock to ballads, the message is still the same.

"It is a very straightforward gospel and inspirational," he said. "The songs share a lot of hope about our future as a Christian."

While many gospel artists are producing songs considered both gospel and secular, Morales said this does not apply to *The Imperials*.

"We do not have any cross-over tunes or love songs," he said. "We don't do songs which can be taken either way."

He said this is because *The Imperials* believe in music to be a call

to ministry.

Although *The Imperials* have been together for 28 years, Morales is the only original member still with the group. The other members are 17-year veteran Dave Will and newcomers Jonathan Hildreth and Pam Morales—Morales's sister.

Pam Morales began performing at a 1991 New Year's Eve concert as the first female member of *The Imperials*. Morales said it is a unique experience to have his sister part of the group.

"It's the first time I've sung with her," Morales said. "We are very compatible, and it's really interesting."

"I treat her like one of the guys, and she's used to it."

He said Pam Morales did not get the job just because she is his sister.

"She tried out just like everyone else," he said. "I [auditioned] 15 guys and she was the best out of all of them."

Morales said the original sound of the group has not been affected by the addition of a female voice.

"The actual sound did not change," Morales said. "They couldn't tell if she was a man or a girl."

He said this is because Pam Morales does not have a high soprano

voice. He said many fans get her voice and Hildreth's voice mixed up.

The group, currently touring on the *Big God* tour, will perform at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Church on the Rock, Seventh and Maiden Lane. Morales said those attending can expect a variety in music.

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said. "It's not a typical tour because where someone like Amy Grant would do 30 to 40 concerts all at once, and that's all, we go from release to release."

*The Imperials* is working on its

next album. Morales said members are selecting songs to appear on the album. He expects the group to be in the studio in May recording the album. It is expected to be released in September.



## ► JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL

## Public will decide West's fate

Expense probe ends with 6-3 vote

By BRIAN SANDERS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Joplin's City Council debated questions raised about the National League of Cities convention, but the final result was a surprise.

The Council held a special meeting yesterday morning with the intention of tying up loose ends, but eventually decided to "cease the investigation" and let the voters decide the fate of Councilman Jim West.

West, whose expenditures from the convention were the main focus of the special session, restated that much of the criticism directed toward him was based on "hearsay and an inaccurate examination of my expense records."

"I am not the only Council member who submitted inaccurate records," he said. "At least one other city councilman has repaid the city for an overreimbursement of expenses. Yet I am the only one singled out publicly."

West and four other Council members, including Mayor Cheryl Dandridge, attended the convention in Las Vegas in December. West, who left the convention early, gave conflicting reasons for doing so.

"I'm not concerned with why you left Las Vegas early, and I'm not concerned with the details of your overnight stay in Dallas," Councilman Milt Wolf told West. "I am concerned, however, that these different stories were originating as purposed."

"I am also concerned with the image those stories have created in the eyes of some that you may be less than truthful....When should the Council believe you?"

"When I joined the Joplin City Council, I thought I was joining a mature group of people with whom I could speak in fun without being quoted out of context," West replied, in reference to a comment he made "in jest" to Dandridge. "I also thought I was joining a group of people where if one of my colleagues had a question about a statement I made, then he or she would have the courtesy and dignity to come to me for an explanation, rather than voice a public comment. I see now that I was wrong."

Wolf also pointed out that West claimed expense reimbursements "at a greater dollar amount and from a greater number of sources by far" than any other Council member.

"The public records show that I

am not the only Council member who made errors in recording expenses," West replied, saying a councilman repaid the city for an over-expense, but did not say who.

"I rely on the professionalism of the staff of the city of Joplin to verify my expenditure reports and call attention to any discrepancies," West said. "Unfortunately, this did not happen."

Councilman Robert Pullen, who also attended the convention, said the questions posed by the trip have made a joke out of the City Council.

"It's (the situation) getting to be kind of a drag," he said.

Councilman Doug Hunt, who made a motion to cease the investigation due to "a lack of evidence," agreed.

"We do have it charged for us to police ourselves," he said. "We need to put this thing to rest today, once and for all. If the voters have a problem with that, let them decide what happens to Mr. West, because we have our hands full right now."

Councilman Donald Clark proposed an amendment to Hunt's resolution stating if the Council voted affirmatively to drop the investigation, a press release by West also would have to be withdrawn.

Councilman Earl Carr disagreed with Clark, saying not allowing West to make his statements to the

press would be an infringement of freedom of speech.

Clark removed his amendment, then the Council passed Hunt's amendment, 6-3. Councilmen Pullen, Johnson, and Richard dissented.

West's actions originally were the subject of a story in the Feb. 22 issue of *The Joplin Globe*. Globe reporter Susan Redden was accused by Demetra Lefkof, manager of The Flame, a Las Vegas restaurant where Council members ate during the convention, of deceiving her into getting information.

Tom Murray, managing editor of *The Globe*, went before the Council to deny Lefkof's allegations.

"I am concerned that such public accusations could be accepted as critical by any portion of the public," he said.

"When a reporter—and this woman clearly knew she was speaking to a reporter—asks questions, the willing response of the interviewee is an acknowledgement of the source-reporter relationship, and the obvious outcome is that responses may be published."

The Joplin city election is set for April 7, and West plans to continue full speed ahead with his re-election campaign.

"I have faith in the voters of Joplin," he said. "I'm glad that what's done is done here."

## IN THE HOT SEAT



Joplin City Councilman Jim West answers a question from Councilman Milt Wolf (foreground) at a special session yesterday.

## ► JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Wightman calls it quits

By MIKE PETERSEN  
STAFF WRITER

With the feeling that he has done the best job possible with the resources given, Joplin Police Chief Michael Wightman has called it quits.

Wightman resigned March 3 after serving the department since 1987.

"There are a variety of reasons why I resigned," he said. "I have achieved many of the goals I have

worked toward since I started. However, the demands of the job and political reasoning led me to resign."

Wightman said public servants will always have their up and down days.

"You are always going to have citizens approve or disapprove," he said. "You try to balance that relationship and do the best you can."

Wightman said the work load among police officers is demanding.

"If you demand more from em-

ployees and have low resources to build from, it wears a person down."

Wightman said in 1987 there were 56,000 calls for service, compared to 93,000 calls in 1991. In addition, the department has three fewer officers than in 1987.

Wightman said he and his family like Joplin and will consider staying here if the opportunity exists.

"You live in a glass bowl where everyone sees what you do and where everyone is there to either compliment or criticize," he said.

## ► JOPLIN FAMILY Y

## Plans made for activities

Summer program offers role models

By SHARON WEBER

EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

The Joplin Family Y once again is gearing up for the Summer of Adventure camp program. For the past two years, area children have participated in various activities sponsored by The Y.

"In the mornings, we load the children on buses and go to different parks in the area," said Shelly Martin, child-care coordinator. "We play games in the parks."

The morning activities are followed by sack lunches. Afternoon activities include such things as horseback riding, tours, and guest speakers.

"We go swimming and roller-skating," Martin said. "The children also get to tour places like Precious Moments and Safeway Bakery."

Guest speakers come in once a

week. Martin said the children have enjoyed these speakers in the past.

"Last year's favorite guest was the Jasper County drug dog," Martin said. "The children loved him."

After 4 p.m., the children divide into groups to watch movies, swim, and prepare crafts.

During the day the children are divided into different groups for all activities. The age of the groups ranges from pre-kindergarten and kindergarten through fifth grade.

"It's real exciting to see the kids having so much fun," Martin said. "It's a real family spirit that grows."

The fees for the camp vary depending upon different factors.

For community members, the cost is \$60 per week. For Y members, that cost is reduced to \$43 per week.

"The advantages in membership are good," she said. "Membership also allows for participation and reduced rates in other activities."

The United Way provides scholarships that cover a portion of the sum-

mer camp fees for children who qualify.

"The scholarships are a financial need," Martin said. "Applications are available at the desk of the Joplin Family Y."

Applications need to be turned in by April 15.

Martin said applications being accepted for counselors said counselors for the summer are experienced with children and provide good role models for the children.

"We hire as many qualified education majors and teachers from Missouri Southern as we can," Martin said. "We like to know if our counselors have had experience with children."

With the rise in single-parent homes, Martin said they are looking for good role models with the counselors.

"We're looking for more role models, especially minorities," Martin said. "Sometimes we have to fill those positions."

## ► ROMANIAN NATIONAL TELEVISION

## Documentary to be filmed here

By BRIAN SANDERS

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Monday's Joplin City Council meeting will play a major role in a Romanian National Television film documentary on United States government.

A two-man film crew from Romania, journalist Dan Goanță and cameraman George Stinea, wanted to cover three cities in the United States—one in the West, one in the Midwest, and one in the South.

"We called about 100 different towns and started talking to city officials," said George Santulli, a television producer-director for the U.S. Information Agency's television service who is accompanying the film crew.

"I talked to the film crew and

made a few suggestions, and then they got a feel for where they wanted to go," Santulli said.

The Romanians also are scheduled to film in Grand Junction, Colo., and Clarksville, Tenn.

They will arrive in Joplin today and film the City Council meeting Monday night.

Santulli said the crew does not have a set schedule for the three-city tour.

"One thing is that the city must have a great deal of flexibility and a willingness to change their schedule," he said. "A lot of towns we talked to said it would be very difficult to keep up with a set schedule because it could change so will."

The film crew is not only interested in the Council meeting,

"They would also like to get a

variety of things that are happening in local administration," Santulli said. "Also, since the council members are coming up for re-election, they are interested in getting in on the ground floor."

"They want to get a feel for the city, things happening in town, and they also want to view a farm family. They want to see what they want, and it all under the umbrella of local administration."

Joplin Mayor Cheryl Dandridge found out about the project in February.

"It's kind of nice that the crew will be coming to Joplin," Santulli said. "They are beginning to see their own government, and they want to see the United States government system as a model."

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## MEN IN HIGH PLACES



(Left to right) Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin) and Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) overlook Jefferson City and the Missouri River from outside the top of the Capitol dome Tuesday.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Bill would change SMSU's mission, name

Macdonnell proposes statewide role

JOHN HACKER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

As the Southwest Missouri State University basketball team defended its name on the court in St. Louis Monday night, Rep. Thomas Macdonnell (D-Marshfield) tried to change that name in Jefferson City.

Macdonnell told the House Higher Education Committee the state will fund another university with a statewide mission in the near future. He said SMSU is that institution.

House Bill 1754, Macdonnell

calls for the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to work with SMSU to "enact mission changes and program modifications to more fully meet the needs of a statewide university."

With the implementation of these changes and the approval of the CBHE, SMSU would be renamed Missouri State University.

Macdonnell said the credibility presented by the name change would be "unreal."

"Recruiting faculty on a doctorate level would be made easier," he said. "It's difficult enough to get high

quality staff as it is. The new name would also denote a broader range of educational pursuits."

Some members of the committee questioned the timing of this effort.

"Some would say due to the poor administration actions at SMSU the time is not right to discuss this," Macdonnell said. "But I say the time is right."

Committee Chairman Ken Jacob (D-Columbia) asked why SMSU was the only institution that should be considered for a new statewide mission. While other institutions might expand missions, Jacob said giving them all statewide missions would cause problems.

"We don't have a statewide phil-

osophy about how these institutions should be coordinated," Jacob said.

Rep. Everett Brown (D-Maryville) questioned the cost of the name change.

"When you consider the costs of changing the catalogs, the uniforms, and other things, I think it is going to add up to a little more than you think," Brown said.

Macdonnell agreed with Jacob that a statewide policy was necessary. However, he does not support the idea of a super governing board with authority over the regional colleges and universities.

"The autonomy of the regional institutions has worked well and should be left alone," Macdonnell said.

The bill also would require boards of governance at the institutions to review all capital improvements before work begins. Macdonnell said this was in response to reports from SMSU that some capital improvements were approved without notifying the Board of Regents.

"The boards have to be informed," Macdonnell said. "They should not be a rubber stamp for the administration."

Macdonnell said he holds little hope for passage of the measure.

"It's real late in the session to try to pass legislation that is still in committee," Macdonnell said. "I introduced the bill primarily to keep the idea of change alive."

## PROPOSITION B

State covers tab  
election's cost tops \$2.3 million

JOHN HACKER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Although Proposition B was soundly defeated in November, the tax package still managed to dig into voters' pocketbooks.

Steve Byers, director of the election division of the secretary of state's office, said Missouri reimbursed counties \$1,640,404.33 for holding the special election.

The state also paid \$720,000 to publish the entire text of Proposition B in newspapers across the state as required by law.

"That's not a really high cost because it was an off-year for elections," Byers said. "The proposition also took four full newspaper pages and that contributed to the election cost."

He said the state is responsible for the proportionate cost of the election.

Before an election, the county election commissioners send the state an estimated cost and the office of administration cuts a check to the county for that amount," Byers said.

After the election, the counties submit an actual cost statement to the state. If the amount is more than the estimate, the state reimburses the counties. If the amount is less, the

counties refund the difference back to the state.

Rep. Budd Smith (R-Sedalia) questioned where the money to pay for the election was coming from.

"We have \$100,000 in every budget for special elections that we never know if we are going to use," Smith said. "If Prop B had passed the cost of the election would have been covered in the ballot issue."

He said he thought the money should show up in the supplemental appropriations debated by the House last week, but he had not seen it yet.

Paul Bloch, deputy secretary of state for election services, said the money came out of an open-ended fund set aside for special elections.

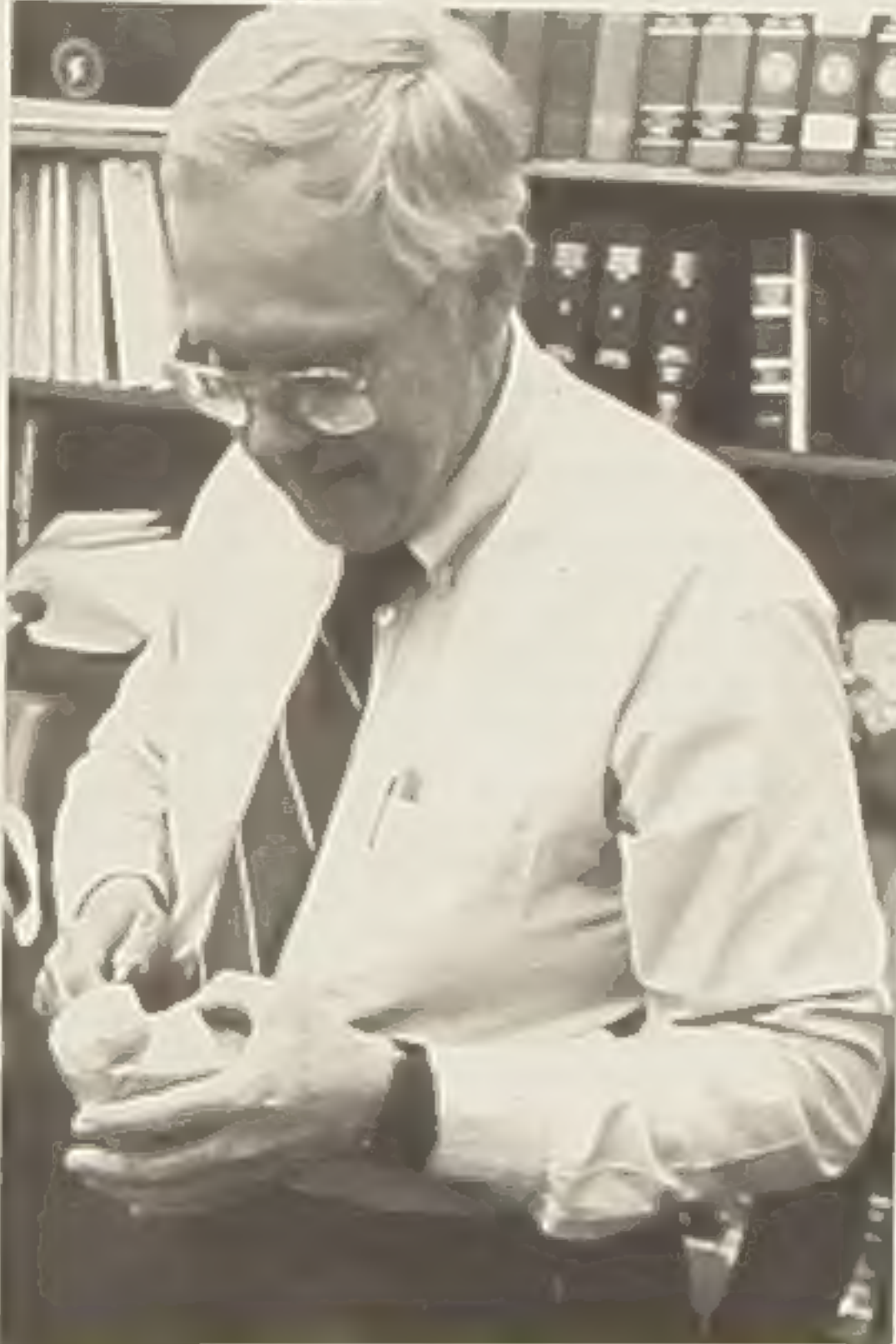
"The \$100,000 is an estimate on how much it would cost for a normal special election to fill empty House or Senate seats," Bloch said. "The fund is open-ended and the money comes from General Revenue."

Anthony Moulton, state budget director, said the state had planned for Proposition B's defeat.

"We knew if Prop B had passed it would have funded itself," Moulton said. "Since it didn't, the money had to come out of General Revenue and we made plans accordingly."

Byers said the state made the final reimbursement last week.

## SPARE TIME



Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) whittles a figurine in his office. Singleton said whittling is a good stress reliever between sessions.

## TRANSPORTATION

## Scenic highways in works

By JOHN HACKER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Missouri maps could have two more scenic roadways if some lawmakers have their way.

Sen. Danny Staples (D-Eminence) and Rep. Don Koller (D-Summersville) want to mark State Highway 106 from Summersville to Ellington as a scenic highway.

Rep. Millie Humphreys (D-St. Joseph) also would like Interstate 229, which runs between St. Joseph and the Missouri River, marked a scenic highway.

Koller said the legislation would not change anything about the highways except how they are marked on maps and signs.

"This is simply enabling legislation that gives authorization for the highway department to put up signs if they so desire," Koller said. "They can also advertise it on maps or any other literature as a scenic highway."

He said the new title also would draw attention to the area.

"It gives the local areas another tool to promote their area," Koller said.

Staples said Highway 106 connects two existing scenic routes in south-central Missouri and crosses one of the most beautiful areas in the state.

"Tourism is the largest industry we have in that area," Staples said. "People from St. Louis can drive the scenic routes in that area and get home in one day."

He said some people who travel look for scenic routes to make their trips more interesting.

Humphreys said I-229 also has much to offer travelers.

"It is a two-tiered highway and offers wonderful views of the Missouri River," Humphreys said. "The view you have from the highway is uncluttered and almost virginal."

The roadway travels the same route used by early explorers, she said.

"It runs along the Black Snake Hills, which were mentioned in Lewis and Clark's journals in the early 1800s."

## Higher Education Briefs

## Gorbachev to speak at Westminster

► Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev will speak at Westminster College in Fulton on Tuesday, May 12.

Gorbachev will deliver a valedictory speech on the Cold War first defined by Winston Churchill in his historic "Iron Curtain" speech on the campus 46 years ago. Gorbachev is scheduled to speak at 11 a.m. outdoors at the site of the "Breakthrough" sculpture, artist Edwina Sandys' 32-foot long monumental work created from eight sections of the Berlin Wall.

"We are delighted that President Gorbachev recognizes the historic and symbolic importance of Westminster College, where the Cold War was called to the attention of the world by Mr. Churchill in 1946," said J. Harvey Saunders, Westminster president. "His appearance here will underscore the new relationship between East and West for which he is largely responsible."

Gorbachev's appearance is part of a 14-day visit to the United States.

## SMSU students to take part in simulation

► Fourteen Southwest Missouri State University accounting students will don the role of a State Senate appropriations committee Saturday while actual federal government auditors grill them on why they took federal money and whether they should pay it back.

The audit forum begins at 9 a.m. with participants expected to be engaged in sometimes "heated" discussion, according to Dr. Ken Brown, SMSU accounting professor.

Other accounting students are expected to pack the Springfield City Council chambers to observe the simulation. Margaret Kelly, Missouri state auditor, is scheduled to be one of the 12 governmental auditors.

## CMSU program is re-accredited

► Central Missouri State University's growing social work program has been re-accredited for the next eight years by the national Council on Social Work Education.

After an extensive review process, which began in May 1990, CMSU recently was notified that the program will be re-accredited. It was initially accredited for four years in 1987, when there were 86 social work majors on campus. The number has grown to 209 now.

Accreditation will benefit students by making them eligible for "advanced standing" in master's degree programs. This means they can take fewer classes toward the degree because they won't have to duplicate courses that were already covered in the accredited baccalaureate program.

## Security officers to be certified

► Security officers at Missouri Western State College have received new police commissions from the city of St. Joseph, allowing them to apply for certification through the state's Missouri Public Safety Department.

Certification allows security officers to do more. With it, Missouri Western security are classified as reserve police officers with the St. Joseph Police Department. They can issue city tickets on campus and use radar guns.

All officers should be certified by April 1.

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Abandoned mines pose threat, legislator says

JOHN HACKER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Southwest Missouri is riddled with abandoned underground mine shafts, but details on many of them are sketchy, state officials say.

House Bill 924, sponsored by Rep. Fiebelman (D-Salem), would require the problem by requiring the state geologist to provide maps for the state geologist.

The bill will provide maps of all mines that have been abandoned since 1900. "It provides a means to make the information available to the public," he said. "This will help make sure that people don't knowingly build over an abandoned mine."

State officials said constructing a structure on some of the mines is potentially dangerous, so knowing where the mines are is essential.

"We had an incident in southeast Missouri where officials thought they might have built a school over a mine," said Sarah Steelman, deputy director of the division of geology and land survey in Rolla.

"It turned out they hadn't, but situations like this are likely to happen again."

Ira Satterfield, director of the geological survey program for the state, said a map repository would help design engineers identify geologic hazards.

"Some of the mines are very shallow and have a greater potential for

collapse," he said. "Some of the deeper mines have less of a danger."

The mines create problems for other land-use projects as well.

"When locating landfills or sewage facilities engineers have to know if a mine is in the area," Satterfield said. "They could contribute to the possible contamination of aquifers."

The state geologist's office had about 100 maps of abandoned mines on file, he said, but there are hundreds of mines the department has little information about.

"We have a good feel for the number of underground mines in some parts of the state, but some areas we don't have such a good feel for," Satterfield said. "We inventoried the tri-state area [around Joplin] back in

the late 1970s and early 80s and found the number of mines in that area could be way up there."

Fiebelman said the bill's chances of passing this year are good.

"We tried to pass the bill last year," he said. "It was introduced late in the session, and we just ran out of time."

He said there was no opposition to the bill in committee. However, there was some concern as to the cost of the legislation.

"This just allows the geologist's office to get the maps under one roof," Fiebelman said. "They said there would be no fiscal note to the state, which means it would not entail the creation of any new positions."



# Novel in the works for English lecture

## THE GAME'S NOT OVER



JoAnna Chao-Lo Yang, instructor in Chinese, compares life to a golf game to be taken a hole at a time.

## Yang compares life, golf

By **SHAUN CARNES**  
STAFF WRITER

Six months before coming to Missouri Southern, JoAnna Chao-Lo Yang taught kindergarten students who started at the age of 3.

"American students are more lax than students in Taiwan when it comes to education," said Yang, Chinese instructor.

"It's good in some aspects that American students don't take education quite as seriously because they can have fun and learn at the same time," she said.

Because students in Taiwan start school at the age of 3, Eastern ways of teaching are more formal than American ways.

"After teaching a class of 30 children, my job here at Southern

is a little less monotonous," Yang said, smiling.

The Chinese language is not a foreign language that American students tend to motivate themselves to learn, she said. Her classes are small, so teaching on a "one-on-one" basis is easy for her.

Looking like a college student herself, Yang, 32, plans to write an instruction book on Chinese for American students.

"I would like to write something that will make it easier for myself and other Chinese instructors to teach Americans the language," she said.

Coming from a successful family in Taiwan—where her father was a banker, her mother, a teacher, and her brother, a computer technologist—getting her bachelor's degree in Chinese at the

University of Taiwan was not one of her main goals.

"My main goal is to help others, not only to accomplish their goals, but to understand they can surpass their goals and do anything they want in life."

Extensive travel through Europe was one of her favorite recent experiences. She also attended a classical music festival in Australia.

Being a woman of many talents and perspectives, there are a few things she would like to experience—not things like skydiving or parasailing, but simple activities.

"I would like to play golf," she said. "Golf looks like it would be an interesting game."

"Like put goals, we set a point, we want to reach and get as close as we can to it. Eventually, we get the ball in the hole."

By **RHETT WELLINGTON**  
STAFF WRITER

Some of Michael Bauer's goals might seem far-fetched to some, but they just may become a reality.

"Something that I think would be a lot of fun is to live in Italy and teach at an American university," the lecturer in English said. "I would love to do that and really not have to worry about expenses. I would really love to live in Europe."

Bauer also would like to touch other people's hearts through his writing.

"I plan to write a novel this summer," he said. "It is going to be about people I know—friends, close friends of mine—and what their lives are really like. It is going to be about friendships."

Bauer also has many hobbies that he participates in when he has time.

"I like gardening and swimming in the summer. I use the treadmill about three times a week, and I go to see a lot of movies."

He has some strong comments about the movie *JFK*. He believes the movie is packed with details and that one single bullet could not have done all that damage.

"I think what the film said was that there was no way that Oswald could have acted alone. That was the bottom line that the movie told me. It is a very mind-expanding movie."

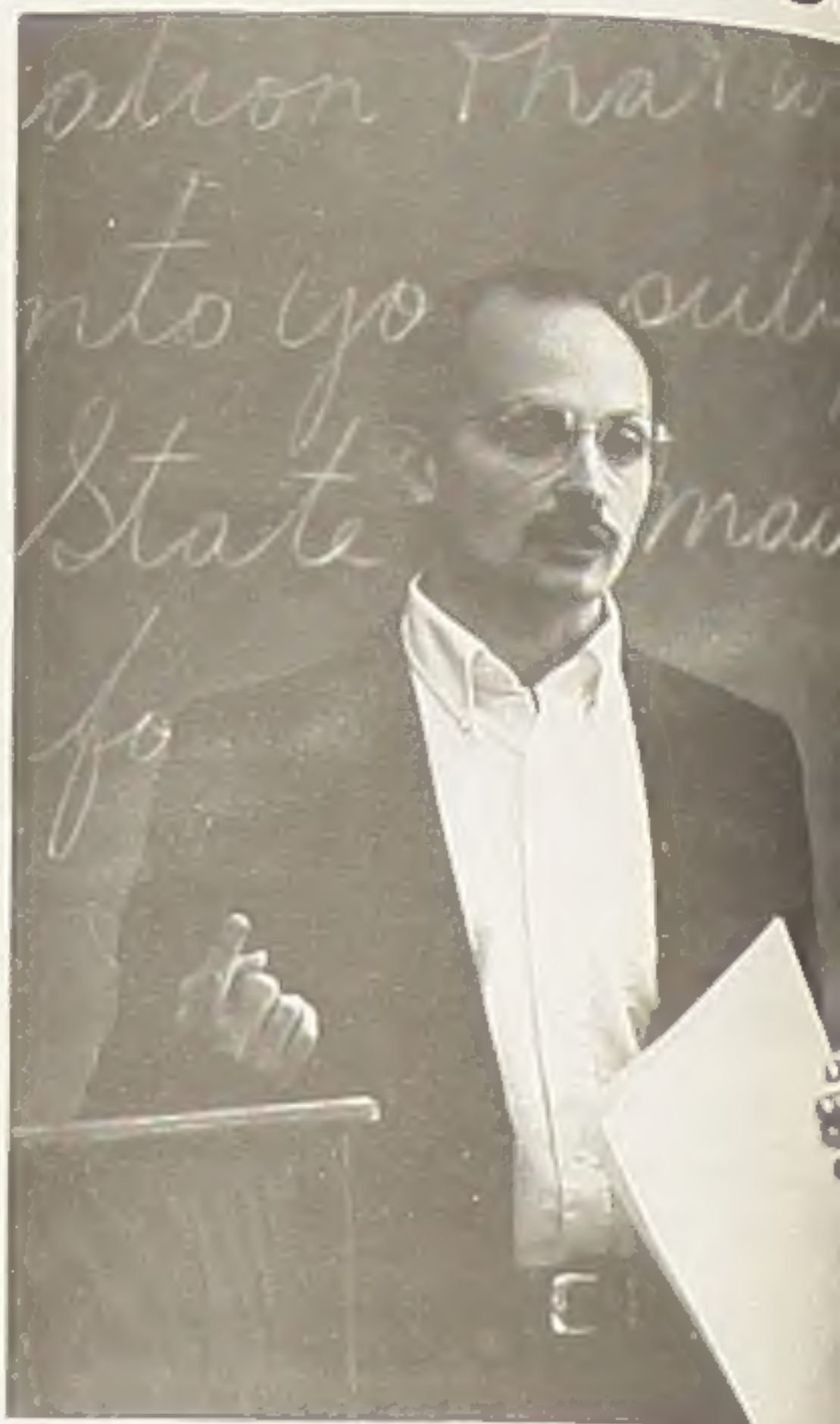
Bauer also likes to read several books, particularly non-fiction and detective series by Joseph Hansen.

Bauer has done some volunteer work for the Four State Community AIDS Project and the Cerebral Palsy Clinic in Joplin.

Bauer has been in this area for almost two decades. He graduated from Parkwood High School in Joplin in 1973 and started attending Missouri Southern that year. He took a course called World Masterpieces of Literature and was inspired by his teacher, the late Bernard McCormick, to become an English major.

He worked at KODE-TV part-time while a student at Southern as a master control operator.

"I really enjoyed it," he said. "It was a lot of fun, and I really enjoyed the people I worked with. The pay



Michael Bauer

was pretty poor, but the job itself was very enjoyable, and the people I worked with at Channel 12 were a lot of fun."

Since then he has earned his master's degree at the University of Chicago and has just received his Ph.D. from St. Louis University.

"That has been a goal of mine for the past 20 years," he said.

Bauer has worked at Southern on a part-time basis in 1979-80 and 1982-85. He was hired in the fall of 1988 as a lecturer in English under a three-year contract. The contract expires at the end of this semester. Bauer has some high impressions

of Southern, both as an instructor and a student.

"It is a very friendly school," said. "Most of the faculty members who have been here a long time not only highly qualified, but are also warm and personable, easy to talk with."

He currently teaches three sections of Freshman Composition and 102. His current goal at Southern is to "be a good teacher."

He believes the best part of his job is being in daily contact with students and literature. The grading papers with occasional mistakes.

## SELLING EDUCATION



KAYLEA HUTSON/The Chart

Cloy Deem, admissions/financial aid counselor, travels to high schools telling students the advantages of attending Southern.

## College a necessity, says counselor

Southern graduate credits professors for his successes

By **RAMONA AUSTIN**  
CHART REPORTER

Standing 6-foot-3 and weighing 245 pounds, this 27-year-old Missouri Southern graduate encourages students to attend college.

"A college education is becoming more of a necessity now than it was, say 20 years ago," said Clay Deem, Southern's admissions/financial aid counselor.

Deem, a 1987 Southern graduate, now speaks to high school counselors and students about the advantages of attending the College.

"The faculty at Southern is excellent," he said. "I tell students 'You will have a master or doctoral-level person teaching your classes.'"

Deem encourages students to take the time to ask instructors to clarify

information, if the need arises.

"I've talked with students who have attended larger colleges after Southern," he said, "and they will say what they really miss is being able to talk with their professors."

Deem said he credits a portion of his success at Southern as a student to the attitude of his instructors.

"I'll be honest with you," he said. "If it hadn't been for the fact that I was able to talk to my professors after class, I might not have made it the first two years."

"I never got a grade changed because of that," he said, "and I never got special treatment. But if I needed help, I could get help."

With Southern's student-teacher ratio of 25-1, instructors can provide personal attention.

"That's something not easily obtained in some college classrooms of 200 or 300 students," Deem said.

As a varsity letterman at Carl Junction High School, Deem participated in football, baseball, and wrestling. Entering Southern in 1983

with a 3.0 grade-point average and a four-year football scholarship, Deem exited Southern with a 3.45 GPA.

"I've always felt a high grade-point average is important," he said.

Deem's attitude has not changed since his marriage to Shannon Smith and the birth of their son, Chance. Working on a master of science degree in secondary school administration, his GPA is now 3.67.

While in high school, he worked in his family's business as night manager, butcher, and cashier. His family owned a grocery store in Carl Junction and "Deem's Cold Storage" at 24th and Main in Joplin. His grandparents owned two grocery stores in Galena, Kan.

"I have an aunt who traveled to the exact town in Germany where the Deems came from," he said. "The name was spelled differently, but they ran grocery stores over there also."

"My parents and grandparents taught me about people," Deem said;

"about their needs and how to deal with them."

With a bachelor of science degree in physical education, Deem was an orthopedic handicap at Webb City High School and substitute taught grades 7-12 at Junction and Webb City schools.

"I pursued this job," he said, "because I wanted to tell students about Southern's qualities and importance of a college education."

"I had plans of being a high school principal," he said. "But I really enjoy where I am."

Deem believes it is important to "remain flexible and take whatever direction you see fit at the time."

"Flexibility is being open enough to pursue something different," he said. "It's looking for something that makes you say 'I never thought about doing this, but I'd kind of like to do that. Let me try.'"

However, Deem cautions students not to declare a major "just because someone else wants you in that

## Miller works to build students' confidence

Father influenced math instructor's drive, determination

By **NIKKI EHRSAM**  
CHART REPORTER

When students leave her classroom confident in their ability, Mary Lou Miller believes she has been successful.

"The best thing I like is when I can take a student who has no confidence in math or no confidence in their ability and by the end of the semester they feel that they are definitely good at it," she said.

Her favorite class to teach is Introduction to College Math because it is a non-major course. Miller likes to build confidence in her students who are afraid of math. She wants them to realize they have the ability.

"By the time the students finish the course they know they can do it," Miller said.

Miller, a mathematics instructor, came to Missouri Southern in 1989. She grew up in Picher, Okla., and decided to move to Joplin to be

closer to her family.

Before moving to Joplin, Miller taught five years of high school. After completing her fifth year, she found herself wanting to try something different, and teaching at the college level appealed to her. Going to graduate school was a big step for her to take, but not a tough decision to make.

"I loved going to school. I love college life in terms of the academics," she said.

Miller graduated from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor of arts degree. She later went to the University of Texas to receive her master's. She went on to teach high school and now college.

She has developed her own negative and positive aspects of the job. Grading is always at the top of her negative list, but what she dislikes most is a student who doesn't try.

"A student who has the capability but fails my class is my biggest pet peeve," she said.

When it comes to teaching, the good outweighs the bad, she said.

"Teachers can make such an impression on a young person's life," Miller said. "I visited a high school

that I used to teach at, and the students were happy to see me. Right then I realized that somehow I touched them."

Miller has been "touched" in a similar way, not by a student, but by her father. She believes her determination and drive was influenced

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—Mary Lou Miller, instructor of mathematics

by him.

"I have determination, and my father taught me when I do something to do it right and to keep doing it," Miller said. "He also taught me responsibility. If you mess up you learn to accept your loss and not to blame anyone else for it."

Some of that determination was put to use playing competitive sports. Miller's oldest brother played baseball and the other ran track, both in

college. Miller, who played softball and basketball in high school, works out every morning at the YMCA, and her television is always on a sports channel.

"We live on ESPN. Sports are my life...it's good that I like sports because that's what my husband is

going into," Miller said.

Her husband, John Miller, is a student coach for the Missouri Southern men's basketball team. He is currently working on his bachelor of science degree.

Miller leads a busy life, but she finds teaching is easier when humor is involved.

"A sense of humor helps you survive as a teacher. You have to be able to laugh at yourself," she said.

## DISPENSING CONFIDENCE



JEFFREY SLAYTON/The Chart

Mary Lou Miller, instructor of mathematics, enjoys to help students with little or no faith in their math ability become more confident.



## BASEBALL

# Lions' offense sparks team to 17-2 victory

Larson goes 3 for 5 against Jimmies

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After struggling for runs to open the season, the Missouri Southern baseball Lions are getting them in bunches. The Lions came alive this week in the Second Annual MSSC Joplin Baseball Classic at Joe Becker Stadium.

"We're hitting the ball real well right now and our pitching, recently, has been incredible," said third baseman Bryan Larson.

Larson's three-for-five performance last night, including a three-run home run in the second inning, propelled the Lions, 9-6, to a 17-2 victory over Jamestown College.

Senior pitcher Chuck Pittman, 3-1, notched the victory for the Lions. Pittman went three innings, and freshman Ryan Curry came in

to pitch the final two innings. "I felt great today," Pittman said. "I just need to keep improving just like I've been doing."

Southern beat the Jimmies Tuesday night 13-3 behind the pitching of senior Mike Ashmore (1-0).

The Lions also posted a 5-4 win over Regis University Tuesday. Senior pitcher Randy Curry, 2-0, got the win with junior Todd Casper picking up his second save of the season.

Senior shortstop Scott Madden has paced the Lions' offense in the

Joplin Baseball Classic, entering last night's contest batting .750 in the week-long tournament. Madden opened the Classic with a three for four performance against MIAA foe Washburn. Madden recorded a home run, two singles, and six runs batted in, en route to an 11-5 drubbing of the Jehabods.

"I don't know what it is I am doing differently right now as far as hitting," Madden said. "I just feel really comfortable at the plate. I still need to cut my swing down some,

and just stay focused on what I need to do."

The Lions, ranked eighth in this week's Division II national poll, will travel to Edinburg, Texas, Friday to compete in the University of Texas-Pan American Classic Tournament March 14-18.

Southern will wrap up the Joplin Baseball Classic today with a 2 p.m. encounter against Regis University, then a 4:30 contest against MIAA counterpart Northwest Missouri State University.

## THE FINAL COUNTDOWN



Missouri Southern's (left to right) Spencer Williams, Mike Doman, and Demarko McCullough watch from the bench as the final seconds of their season tick away. The Lions fell to Missouri Western 87-79.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## NCAA overlooks Southern

BY JEFFREY SLATTON  
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A season of ups and downs ended last Thursday for the Lions' basketball team when they defeated 87-79 by Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph. The Lions finished the season 21-8 in the MIAA. The loss to the Blues came after Southern had posted the University of Missouri-Louis in the first round of the MIAA tournament.

The Lions theoretically had an outside chance to make the NCAA Division II tournament field, but were snubbed Sunday when the

brackets came out.

"It is disappointing that we weren't in there," said Head Coach Robert Corn. "Losing to Western made the difference."

Western, along with MIAA conference champion Washburn University, made the 32-team tournament field.

"Western out rebounded us in the game, and we didn't shoot free throws well," Corn said. "Our players had the intensity and we knew it was going to be close."

Corn said there were four games that were the peaks of the season for the team.

First on Corn's list was winning

the Tennessee-Martin game on a tip-in at the buzzer.

Beating eventual NCAA tournament team Central Oklahoma gave the team confidence they could win against nationally ranked teams.

Another highlight for Corn was the Pittsburg State University game at home when all of the TV cameras and hype surrounded the game.

Finally, the Western game at Young Gymnasium in which the Lions beat the then No. 5 Griffons.

The low point of the season may have been the loss to Emporia State University at home.

"That was the only game we lost at home all season," Corn said.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Southern turns it around in 1991-92

Lions' 18 wins  
most since 1985-86

BY STACY CAMPBELL  
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One year after posting a 12-15 record, the basketball Lady Lions turned their fortunes around and finished 18-10 in 1991-92.

Coach Ballard, Missouri Southern head coach, said the team benefited this year.

"There were a lot of positives that came out of this," he said. "It was a experience for us."

"I gained a lot of credibility and respect or overachieved the

expectations we had at the beginning of the year."

Southern's 18 victories are the most since the 1985-86 campaign. The Lady Lions also played in their first MIAA postseason playoff and won their opening postseason game.

Nancy Somers, junior guard, would have liked to have seen the season go farther, but thought it was a success.

"It went better than what we expected," she said. "I wish we could have gone to the national tournament, but at the beginning of the year no one expected us to have a chance."

Carrie Garrison, freshman guard, attributed the success to two main reasons.

"I think it was a lot of hard work," she said. "Coach Ballard also did a good job of bringing the talent of the group together."

The Lady Lions were unable to advance any farther in the tournament after losing to Washburn 88-63. The loss last Thursday was Southern's second loss in Washburn in less than a week. The Lady Blues caused the Lady Lions some different problems.

"They create match-up problems for us," Ballard said. "They have good overall size and all of their players can shoot from 15 feet."

Christina Ortega, junior guard, said the team with 12 points and Jamie Dunn, senior guard, chipped in 10.

## ► SOFTBALL

## Lady Lions to play 4 games tomorrow

BY STACY CAMPBELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

Looking to rebound from their first loss of the year, the Lady Lions' softball squad opens play tomorrow in the Lady Lions/Pro-Am Athletics Classic.

Southern, 3-1, and ranked ninth in the NCAA Division II softball poll, opens pool play at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Kungie Field against Northeast Missouri State University. They will play again at 12:30 p.m. against Northwestern College, 3 p.m. against Quincy College, and finish pool play with a 4:30 p.m. contest against Washburn University.

There will also be games at the Four Seasons Sports Complex. A total of 11 teams are entered in the tournament. On Saturday, the top two teams from each of the three pools will play in a single elimination tournament. The first-round games will take place at 10 a.m., with the semifinals at 11:30 a.m., and the final set for 1 p.m.

Pat Lipira, head coach, knows the tournament will be a good one.

"It is going to be a strong tournament," she said. "There are a lot of strong Division II and Division III teams."

"Central Iowa was the Division III champion last year, and they are a strong team. There are strong teams out of Oklahoma, like Northeastern State and Central Oklahoma."

## ► TENNIS

## Bodine wants more

Team seeks to improve on 15-5 mark

BY STACY CAMPBELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

Improvement is the key word for the Lady Lions' tennis squad this season.

Southern Head Coach Georgina Bodine, who saw her team finish 15-5 last year, has several goals she would like to see the team accomplish.

"We would like to finish at least 15-5 or better," she said. "We would also like to finish higher than fifth in the conference."

She also thinks there should be an improvement in doubles teams this season which she said was a disappointment last season.

"We would like to improve our doubles record," she said. "We feel like they are stronger and more experienced this season."

Senior Sarah Poole has added goals as well.

"I would like to try to beat the teams that beat us last year, and play well against the people I lost to last year," she said. "I want to try to go undefeated as long as possible."

Senior Melissa Woods thinks the team can continue their winning ways from last year.

"If everybody does their part, I think our season will be good," she said. "I would like to see everybody do their best."

## ► TRACK AND FIELD

## Williams to run at nationals

BY NICK COBLE  
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Only one Missouri Southern athlete will compete in the NCAA Division II track and field meet.

Debbie Williams will represent the College during national competition tomorrow and Saturday in Saginaw, Mich. Williams will com-

pete in the 400 meters.

"On the 400, you just try to stay out of trouble and run because it's so easy to get lamed in," said Coach Tom Rutledge.

Williams, a veteran of previous national championships, said a positive attitude will be the key.

"I just want to go up there with a clear head and do what I have to," she said.



STACY CAMPBELL

## 'If' is one mighty big sports term

Once again it can be said "Oh, what a difference a year makes."

With another season gone, I can look back and see the advancement from last season.

First, looking at the Lions' basketball team which improved to 21-7 after finishing 11-17 last year. The Lions were also picked to finish sixth in the conference and pulled out third place.

The Lady Lions had a miraculous turn around as well, finishing the year 18-10 and third in the conference, after last season's 12-15 mark and ninth-place finish in the MIAA.

The indoor track squads even made a reasonably nice jump from last season. The men's team finished fifth, up from seventh last year, while the women posted the same sixth place finish as last year. But that is not all.

The Lions scored 53 points, 20 more than last season, and the women improved by 11.

Looking back to the fall, the football team and the volleyball team both had great improvements and, of course, the cross country team showed development throughout the season.

So what am I driving at? To put it simply, the efforts of these teams were great, but I noticed the teams could not win the "big" game or games.

The Lions' football team is the first on my chopping block. The team went from 4-5 to 3-3, and that's great.

But with a single victory in the Pittsburg State game, the Lions could have walked away with the conference title. Instead, when the big game hit, they turned the ball over 10 (yes count 'em 10) times as PSU romped 43-21.

The Lady Lions volleyball team also had its shot at the conference crown and even had the home-court advantage to go with it, but they fell to Central Missouri State in the "big" game.

If they could have pulled that win off, they would have secured an automatic bid to the regional volleyball tournament. Then they wouldn't have had reason to worry about getting screwed out of their opportunity to go to nationals.

Finally, the last fall sport to get critiqued is the men's cross country team. (I will not address the women's team or the soccer squad because, in my opinion, they did all they could.)

This one is a hard one to complain about since I have personal involvement in it, but the team was ranked as high as 12th in the country in Division II, but managed to finish only fourth in the conference.

Moving on to the winter sports, I start with the Lions basketball team.

The opportunity was knocking on the door to be the conference champions during the final two weeks of the season, but it seemed the team went deaf.

After Missouri Western hit the skids, the Lions had an opportunity to move into a first-place tie and even pass them, but they hit the skids too.

If the Lions had continued playing as they were before the skid, they would have probably been playing for the conference championship Saturday at home. It would have been nice to be both the conference tournament and regular season champs.

Finally, the basketball Lady Lions won a "big" game this year when they defeated CMU in Warrensburg, but went flat in the "bigger" game when a shot at the conference title still existed.

Obviously, Washburn has the Lady Lions' number, but if a team wants to be conference champs, it has to find a way to change that number.

But I could "if" myself to death.

## Intramural Sports

### Racquetball

Advanced men's singles champion: Chad Jolley  
Mixed doubles tournament next week. Sign up thru Friday

### Wallyball

4/4 Tournament sign up deadline March 20  
Play begins April 3

### Softball

Tournament sign up deadline April 3  
Play begins April 7





CHAD HAYWORTH

## The most unique experience of my life

**I** have absolutely lost my mind. Or so I thought as I climbed outside a Cessna 182 for my first attempt at skydiving. I had been trying for many weeks to convince myself that screaming toward Mother Earth at 120 miles per hour was a good idea, and standing on the ground looking up, I thought I had what it took.

I was wrong.

Oh, sure, I had gotten all the instruction, seen the video (If Ron Reagan Jr. can do this, why can't I?), and I felt fairly confident that my jumpmaster, Rick Depalma, probably could get me back down in one piece. I was also pretty sure I wouldn't do anything stupid to harm us, but falling 10,000 feet is just not a normal thing to do. I don't even like roller coasters.

After signing away all my legal rights should I get hurt or killed, and practicing the exit from the aircraft in a plywood mock-up in the hangar, I knew I had the skills.

But did I have the cajones?

After a 30-minute ride in the cramped quarters of the Cessna, I was kind of ready for some open space. I just wasn't sure I wanted 10,000 feet of open space.

Right up until Rick hooked us up, I kept thinking, "Well, I can still back out." But when he opened the door and I heard the wind whipping past us, I knew I was definitely along for the ride.

We stepped out onto the wing. I assumed the inert position I had been practicing all morning, and the next thing I knew, we were plummeting toward the ground at a high rate of speed.

The coolest thing about skydiving is the split second right after jumping. Everything stops, and all is silent. Then the wind picks back up and the trip down really seems to begin.

We free fell for 30 seconds, and I swear it was the longest 30 seconds of my life. Rick told me later I was experiencing sensory overload, and that makes me a good skydiver.

Right, whatever you say, pal. I'll tell you how good of a skydiver I was. During our fall, Rick was screaming "Yaaaahooooo" in my ear. Now I'm thinking, "Yahoo my butt, I just hope that stinking chute opens up."

I do have one really great memory from the fall. Just before we popped the parachute, we passed so close to a cloud I swear I could have reached out and touched it. Absolutely incredible.

After the parachute opened (thank God), things calmed down. I was amazed at the amount of control we had over our direction. We spent about six minutes flying all over the Oklahoma countryside. I could see the airport and all of Sallisaw below us.

With the exception of the fact that the harness attaching me to the rest of the parachute was chafing my inner thighs, the slow descent was really cool.

Alas, like all good things, the jump had to come to an end. As we made our final approach (nice term: final approach; it sounds so conclusive) I prepared to help pull both of our control toggles downward, thus slowing our airspeed.

I wanted to make a stand-up landing to impress all the veteran jumpers. But as it were, I had to settle for a feet-first slide that would have made Coach Warren Turner and the baseball team proud.

In retrospect, skydiving was the most unique experience of my life. I never felt more manly than after I made the jump.

But could I ever do it again?

Maybe, but until they get the indentations from my fingers out of the airplane's wings, I'll wait a while to do it again.

# Free Falling



Larry Parker of Van Buren, Ark., lands his parachute behind the Sallisaw Municipal Airport



Rick Depalma adjusts his altimeter while preparing to jump



Pete Morris (left) explains the exit procedure to Hank Garrett in a mock-up of a Cessna 182



Pete Morris and Hank Garrett prepare to land after a jump

## Southern student thinks skydiving rush best of a

By CHAD HAYWORTH  
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**F**or Missouri Southern senior Tim Burton, plummeting toward the earth at 120 miles per hour seems like a natural progression.

"I've been motorcycling and mountain climbing," said Burton, an English major. "They all seem pretty boring to me now."

Burton has been jumping with the Green Country Skydivers in Sallisaw, Okla., since January.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," he said. "I found out how easy it is to get involved. It's really just a phone call away."

Burton originally took a tandem jump, which is a free-fall jump from around 10,000 feet, with a certified jumpmaster. The jumpmaster and his "passenger" are harnessed together, allowing the first-time skydiver to experience the dive without actually being responsible for the release or control of the parachute.

The parachutes most commonly used today actually are inflatable wings which generate airspeed. Landing the parachute is similar to landing an airplane. Skydivers use two toggles attached to either side of the parachute to turn into the wind, which slows down the parachute for

a softer landing.

Tandem jumping still is considered by the Federal Aviation Administration to be an experimental parachuting system. From a height of 10,000 feet, a free fall to 4,500 feet will last about 30 seconds.

Hank Garrett, a dentist from Dallas, said he decided to make a trip to Sallisaw after a friend who lived in the area told him about tandem jumping.

"I went bungee jumping last summer, so I thought this would be the next step," he said.

Garrett said he never felt nervous about the skydive.

"Once I was in the plane, I didn't have time to really think about it," he said. "The fact that I was hooked to someone with experience really made me feel better. That free fall was so great."

Pete Morris and Carly Roe run the Green Country Skydivers. Morris, who has been jumping for 10 years, is the most experienced jumper in Oklahoma. The jump zone in Sallisaw is the closest one to Joplin.

In addition to the tandem jumping, there are two methods to gain skydiving certification. The traditional method initially requires six to eight hours of ground school. When the student exits the aircraft, the parachute automatically opens.

A newer method, accelerated free fall, requires a six- to eight-hour ground school. The student is with two certified AFF instructors who assist the student using the per technique. However, the student controls their parachute to the ground.

"I went with the AFF, because the static line you are all alone," Morris said. "I like the idea of having two others there to make sure it's right."

For a successful free fall, the divers must alter their center of gravity to prevent a head-over-tail tumble toward the ground. By pulling out the hips and the chest, the diver will fall face first in a controlled manner.

"A parachute will tend to pull you with less chance of problems during a stable free fall," Morris said.

For Burton, skydiving has become the quintessential way to get away from the everyday life of a student.

"I just got tired of studying and working all night," he said. "It was so ho-hum. But now skydiving, I have turned into an adrenaline junkie."

For more information about skydiving, ranging from an introduction to skydiving, persons may call Green Country Skydivers at (918) 775-7633.



Barbara Micheluk folds and packs a parachute for its next jump

Photos by Chad Hayworth  
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